[Establishing an Asthma Task Force.]

Ordinance Amending Chapter 19A Of The San Francisco Administrative Code By
Adding Article II To Establish An Asthma Task Force.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Chapter 19A of the San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding an Article II consisting of Sections 19A20 through 19A23, to read as follows:

Article II Asthma Task Force

Sec. 19A20. Establishment and Membership of Asthma Task Force. There is hereby established an Asthma Task Force of the City and County of San Francisco. Membership in the Asthma Task Force shall consist of a total of thirty (30) members. The Department of Public Health shall provide clerical assistance and logistical support to the Task Force and its committees.

(A) Voting members. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint twenty (20) voting members representing the categories stated below. Each of the voting members shall be a resident of San Francisco or shall have his/her principal place of employment located within San Francisco or shall be a service provider to residents of San Francisco.

Voting members of the Asthma Task Force shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. In the event a vacancy occurs, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a successor to complete the remainder of that term. Members of the Asthma Task Force shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

The Board of Supervisors shall appoint the voting members of the Task Force from the following categories:

[Signatures of Supervisors]
(1) two (2) representatives of community-based organizations that provide advocacy related to asthma issues in San Francisco;

(2) one (1) representative of childcare coordinating/advocacy organizations;

(3) three (3) individuals who are either persons with asthma, the parent of a child with asthma, or an asthma patient advocate;

(4) two (2) representatives of environmental health/justice organizations;

(5) two (2) representatives of hospital associations or health care provider institutions;

(6) two (2) representatives of MediCal Managed Care Insurers;

(7) two (2) representatives of lung health/asthma-specific organizations;

(8) three (3) individuals who represent health care professions working with asthmatics;

(9) two (2) individuals who are academic researchers or educators concerned with asthma issues;

(10) one (1) representative of the Department of Public Health.

(B) Non-voting members. In addition to the voting members, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint one non-voting member to represent property interests, and one non-voting member to represent tenant interests, as these issues come forward on the Asthma Task Force agenda. In addition, one non-voting member shall be appointed to the Task Force by the head of each of the following San Francisco departments/agencies: Department of Public Health; Department of Human Services; Department of Children, Youth and Families; Department of Building Inspection; Commission for Children and Families; the Housing Authority, and the San Francisco Unified School District.

Each of the following federal agencies may designate a representative to join the Task Force as a non-voting member: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Housing and Urban Development.

Sec. 19A21. Purpose of Task Force. The purposes of the Task Force are to recommend to the Board of Supervisors legislative action and citywide strategies that would ensure the highest
standard of asthma management and prevention services for all residents in the City and County of San Francisco, and to provide general advice and assistance to the Board of Supervisors with regard to funding priorities, legislative action, and city policies for the prevention and management of asthma in the City and County of San Francisco.

To accomplish these purposes, the Asthma Task Force shall prepare a written, comprehensive, and coordinated strategic plan to manage and prevent asthma in San Francisco. This plan will be derived from information gathered and reviewed and input from a broad-base of individuals and organizations that affect, and are affected by, asthma in the City and County of San Francisco. This strategic plan, and recommendations for its implementation, shall be submitted to the Health Commission and to the Board of Supervisors within twelve months after the first meeting of the Asthma Task Force. The Health Commission may contribute to the plan’s findings and recommendations to the Board. The Department of Public Health shall report to the Board its concurrence or substantial differences with the strategic plan drafted by the Asthma Task Force. The Board of Supervisors may adopt legislation to support the plan.

Thereafter, the Task Force shall submit status reports on progress toward implementing the plan recommendations and meeting the plan’s goals to the Board bi-annually.

In creating the strategic plan and the subsequent status reports, the Asthma Task Force shall hold meetings and hearings when appropriate to gather information and input from residents, property owners, health care providers, the school district and the general public. In addition, the Asthma Task Force shall gather and review existing information on the prevalence, management and prevention of asthma in the City and County of San Francisco. Such information may include, but is not limited to:

1. The prevalence of asthma and indicators of the burden of the disease, including data on geographic, racial, age, income and gender differences within the population;
2. Access to appropriate asthma care and preventative services, including potential barriers and gaps in services;
3. Indoor and outdoor environmental risks that can worsen and potentially contribute to the onset of asthma. Indoor environments include, but are not limited to homes, schools, child care sites, and the workplace;

4. Asthma management and prevention best practices, such as the National Institutes of Health’s asthma clinical guidelines, and the extent of their utilization by providers;

5. Access to asthma-related educational opportunities for residents that are community-based and culturally/linguistically appropriate;

6. Community organizing and community-based capacity building activities that promote asthma management and prevention in local communities;

7. Level of public awareness of asthma as a serious public health issue and effective approaches to increase the level of awareness;

8. Policies that impact asthma and its management at the local, state and national levels, such as school district policies, housing regulations, and air quality standards; and

9. Research on the potential causes, aggravators, and treatments of asthma.

Sec. 19A22. Conduct of Business. At the initial meeting of the Task Force, and yearly thereafter, the Task Force members may select such officers as the Task Force deems necessary. The Task Force shall establish rules and regulations for its organization and procedures and shall meet when necessary as determined by the Task Force. The Task Force shall be governed by the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance (San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 67).
Sec. 19A23. **Sunset Provision.** The Asthma Task Force shall submit a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors two years after the passage of this ordinance first meeting of the Asthma Task Force regarding whether the Asthma Task Force should continue in effect. Unless this Article is reauthorized by the Board by resolution prior to June 30, 2002, this Article shall expire.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

By: [Signature]

Virginia Dario Elizondo
Deputy City Attorney
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April 30, 2001 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Yee

May 7, 2001 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on May 7, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.