

1 [TB Testing]
2 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT FUNDING
3 TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY TREATMENT SITE AT THE CHINATOWN
4 PHC SO THAT THE TB CLINIC PROGRAM MAY EXPAND SCREENING THROUGH
5 PROVIDER AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION, PROVIDE LOCAL ACCESS TO TREATMENT
6 IN A CULTURALLY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT, AND INCREASE OUTREACH TO
7 INDIVIDUALS WITH LATENT TB INFECTIONS.

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco has the highest tuberculosis, or TB, rate of any West Coast
9 city with 235 new TB cases reported in 1999; and,

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco's TB case rate is over 5 times higher than the national
11 average; and,

12 WHEREAS, The incidence of TB in San Francisco has undergone an alarming
13 increase among Asian Americans, rising 13.5 percent last year, while the number of active TB
14 cases has continued to decline for whites and Latinos; and,

15 WHEREAS, Asian Americans comprise two-thirds of TB cases in the city; and,

16 WHEREAS, Most of the active TB cases are among San Francisco's foreign-born
17 residents originating from countries with high TB rates, including China, Vietnam and the
18 Philippines; and,

19 WHEREAS, TB is a lung disease that is curable among people with no other illnesses,
20 but an active case of TB can be fatal if left untreated; and,

21 WHEREAS, TB can remain dormant in people without any visible signs for years after
22 exposure, then become active in times of stress or illness; and,

23 WHEREAS, Only active cases of TB are infectious, making the danger of infection a
24 concern primarily for relatives and friends of carriers; and,

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1 WHEREAS, TB in its dormancy is easily detectable with a low-cost skin test and
2 treatable with an inexpensive six-month drug regimen, yet most people do not take
3 advantage of the existing resources and do not seek help until they experience the traditional
4 symptoms of fever and coughing; and,

5 WHEREAS, The current capacity of the Department of Public Health's TB Clinic
6 program is limited to treating those at highest risk of developing disease, and does not
7 address the large reservoir of TB infected individuals, most of whom are foreign-born; now
8 therefore be it,

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 hereby urges the Department of Public Health to allocate sufficient funding to create a
11 sustainable community TB treatment site at the Chinatown PHC so that the TB Clinic program
12 may expand screening through provider and community education, provide local access to
13 treatment in a culturally friendly environment, and increase outreach to individuals with latent
14 TB infections.

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Department of Public Health to allocate sufficient funding to create a sustainable community treatment site at the Chinatown PHC so that the TB Clinic program may expand screening through provider and community education, provide local access to treatment in a culturally friendly environment, and increase outreach to individuals with latent TB infections.

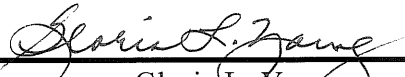
May 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Teng

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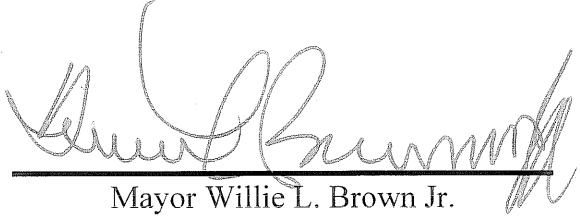
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 8, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.