RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

FILE NO. 002202

RESOLUTION URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER
THE POLICY PRIORITIES ARISING OUT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL BAY AREA LATINO
HEALTH SUMMIT AND TO INTEGRATE THESE PRIORITIES WHERE APPLICABLE INTO
THE CITY’S HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, The first annual Bay Area Latino Health Summit was held
on December 6, 2000 at the California State Building and consisted of
health professionals, advocates and service providers; and,

WHEREAS, The concentration of this summit focused on five areas:
physical health, behavioral health, housing, cultural competency and
access to health care; and,

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, cancer and diabetes were identified
as important areas within physical health specifically because of the
disparities in education and treatment that exist between Latinos and
the general population in the level of care; and,

WHEREAS, It is essential to strengthen the safety net and
increase the level of community clinic providers and public service
providers within each Bay Area county so as to maximize the amount of
health care providers and ensure services for prevention and early
diagnosis for physical health issues that disproportionately affect
Latinos; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health, domestic violence/family injustice and
substance use were areas of behavioral health that were the focus of
the summit; and,

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WHEREAS, There was a call to develop new models for service
delivery and case management that do not stigmatize the individual,
is family-focused, and is integrated, such as partnerships between
schools, community clinics, private health care plans, local public
agencies, housing authorities and law enforcement agencies; and,

WHEREAS, It is critical to develop a directory of Latino
behavioral health providers and services that address the language,
immigration and culturally-appropriate needs of the Latino community
and that includes community education and outreach components to get
critical information into the hands of the community as well as
service providers; and,

WHEREAS, Local officials should conduct an audit of the current
housing stock within the Bay Area in order to ascertain the level of
unsafe, overcrowded, and dangerous living conditions in order to
improve the housing situation and further to develop stable housing
that meets the needs of special populations such as immigrant
populations, the homeless, and those with mental and physical health
issues such as HIV/AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, Latinos make up the largest group of uninsured people
throughout the state, with more than half of all Latinos being
chronically uninsured and, although the majority of Latinos are
employed, many do not receive employer-sponsored insurance as they
work in seasonal, part time or low wage jobs; and,

WHEREAS, The Bay Area should provide universal health care
coverage through a seamless system of delivery whereby all people

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will be eligible through a single point of entry process and increase community health education in the Latino community by developing a community health worker (promotor/promotora) program that addresses the specific cultural and linguistic needs of the Latino community; now, so therefore be,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is urged to consider the policy priorities of the Bay Area Health Summit, principal among them addressing physical health, behavioral health, housing, cultural competency, access to health care needs of the Latino community and to integrate these priorities where applicable into the City’s health care delivery system.

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Resolution urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to consider the policy priorities arising out of the First Annual Bay Area Latino Health Summit and to integrate these priorities where applicable into the City's health care delivery system.

January 2, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 2, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.