

FILE NO. 011159

RESOLUTION NO. 537-01

1 [Supporting the San Francisco Mental Health Board's declaration of a health and housing  
2 emergency in San Francisco]

3 **Resolution supporting the San Francisco Mental Health Board's declaration of a health**  
4 **and housing emergency in San Francisco and urging the Health Commission, the**  
5 **Public Health Department, and the Mayor's Office to preserve the City's state-of-the-art**  
6 **services and to review current departmental procedures to be responsive to this crisis.**

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8 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is at a critical turning point for its  
9 mental health, health, and human services; and

10 WHEREAS, the current real-estate market in San Francisco is the toughest in the city's  
11 history, and one of the most challenging anywhere in the country; and,

12 WHEREAS, the housing crisis is related to the medical crisis, in that people who are  
13 unable to retain affordable housing are generally unable to stabilize and improve their medical  
14 conditions, let alone prevent further deterioration; and,

15 WHEREAS, federal and state government is shifting costs to local government by a  
16 remarkable and unprecedented rate of disallowing claims for Medicare and Medi-Cal, and  
17 through other cuts to funding for health programs; and,

18 WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Services, in particular, and the Department of  
19 Public Health, in general, have made significant strides forward in the past several years in  
20 instituting cost-effectiveness and treatment effectiveness measures, such as the ACCESS  
21 line, the Single Point of Responsibility programs, and the increased use of state-of-the-art  
22 medications, and that to interrupt that progress in any way would not make good business  
23 sense; and,

24 WHEREAS, certain departmental procedures created in less difficult times are not  
25 responsive to the current crisis, for example, a long hiring process in Civil Service, which may

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mean that an extremely well qualified candidate for a position who is ready to go to work at a program that is desperate for good staff, accepts another ~~job~~<sup>job</sup> because the City's process takes so long; and,

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WHEREAS, the Mental Health Board passed resolution (MHB-2001-14): Declaring a Joint Health and Housing Emergency in San Francisco on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 011159, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors support the Mental Health Board resolution declaring a health and housing emergency in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Health Commission, the Public Health Department, and the Mayor's Office to preserve the City's state-of-the-art services and to review current departmental procedures to be responsive to this crisis.



# City and County of San Francisco

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**Date Passed:**

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June 25, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

June 25, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin

Absent: 3 - Newsom, Sandoval, Yee

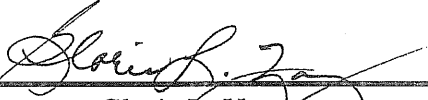
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on June 25, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.