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[Resolution Urging the Mayor to release funds to the Department of Public Health]

Resolution Urging the Mayor to Release Funding for the Department of Public Health to Fund Public Health Nurses, Senior Medical Social Workers, and a Health Care Billing Clerk in FY 04-05.

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office restricted funding in the Department of Public Health's budget in FY 04-05 in order to generate General Fund savings after the defeat of Proposition J (1/4% sales tax) and Proposition K (temporary 1/10th of 1% gross receipts business taxes); and,

WHEREAS, Some of these restricted funds were targeted to providing direct health care services to chronically ill San Franciscans; and,

WHEREAS, The reduction to the budget of the Department of Public Health resulted in de-funding 11.0 full time equivalent Public Health Nurses, 6.8 full time equivalent Senior Medical Social Workers, and one full time equivalent Health Care Billing Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, The funds to support these positions were moved into a contingency reserve that is unavailable to the Department of Public Health; and,

WHEREAS, The positions that were de-funded are responsible for providing critical health, social service and billing services for chronically ill patients of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The de-funded positions resulted in the elimination of the only city-wide program that provides skilled nurses and nursing care for at home patients; and,

1 WHEREAS, The elimination of the program resulted in a loss for elderly,
2 disabled and terminally ill patients to have their long term health care needs met; and
3 that the Board of Supervisors wishes to reinstate; now therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to release the
5 funding needed to allow the Department of Public Health to fund the positions and to
6 reinstate the aforementioned public health services to the community; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to
8 prioritize long term chronic health care for at home patients in fiscal year 2005-2006.

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Resolution

File Number: 050522

Date Passed:

Resolution urging the Mayor to release funding for the Department of Public Health to fund Public Health Nurses, Senior Medical Social Workers, and a Health Care Billing Clerk in FY 04-05.

March 29, 2005 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Mirkarimi, Peskin

Excused: 2 - Daly, Sandoval

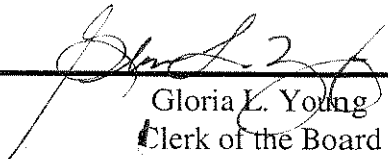
April 5, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 5, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

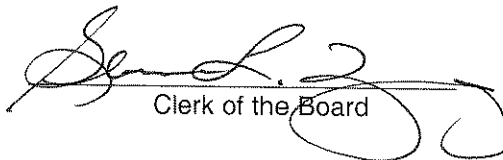
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Date Approved


Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: April 15, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.


Clerk of the Board

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