Resolution urging the Department of Public Health (DPH) Director of Health and the Health Commission to work with the Board of Supervisors to name or rename a DPH facility after the late David J. Sanchez, Jr., PHD in honor of his lifelong leadership and contributions to vulnerable residents of the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez served on the San Francisco Health Commission for 22 years, having been appointed by Mayor Willie Brown in 1997 and served through 2019; and

WHEREAS, During his long tenure on the Health Commission, he served as Health Commission Vice President, Chair of the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee, and Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee; he also served as a member of the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Joint Conference Committee and represented the Health Commission on the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation; and

WHEREAS, His fellow commissioners recognized Dr. Sanchez’s commitment and presence at each commission meeting, describing him as always providing “enthusiastic support for the San Francisco Department of Public Health with particular interest around issues related to diversity, seniors, and veterans;” and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez was a dedicated advocate and long standing community leader in San Francisco for decades before joining the Health Commission, having served as President of the Police Commission and President of the Board of Education; he was also a member of the Community College Board, the San Francisco Foundation Board of Directors, and the California Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez devoted much of his professional career as a University of California at San Francisco professor and a valued member of the administration, helping to
connect the San Francisco General Hospital campus to the community through development of vital programs such as the Child and Adolescent Support Advocacy and Resource Center (CASARC), Urban Health Program, and the Latino Assessment Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez’s contributions and well-established commitment to public service were recognized and honored by the Health Commission upon his resignation of the commission, after his 22 years of service, in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez was a beloved member and leader in the Latino community, advocating for increased access to health, resources, and opportunities for the Latino community and other vulnerable communities throughout his leadership, including as a member of the Board of Directors for both Centro Latino and Mission Language Vocational School (MLVS), well recognized Latino-serving, community anchor organizations; and

WHEREAS, This action of naming a building after a lifelong public servant representative of the Latino community, who was dedicated to equity, diversity and improved health access and outcomes for the most vulnerable residents in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that representation matters and placemaking is critical to honor and preserve the history and ongoing contributions of Latino leaders to the legacy that and fabric of the great city of San Francisco, especially critical during this time when the Latino community continues to face displacement from the city and neighborhood that Dr. Sanchez loved and demonstrated unwavering commitment to and who have been particularly impacted by exacerbated health and economic disparities of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco City Charter designates authority to naming or renaming DPH facilities to the Department of Public Health (DPH) Director of Health, the Health Commission, and the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, According to the Health Commission’s most recent policy made effective on August 4, 2015 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220134, which
is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as set forth herein, designated the Director of Health as the sole DPH employee who has authority to recommend or approve naming or renaming requests for any portion of DPH facilities, in accordance with this policy; and

WHEREAS, The policy states that the Health Commission will review requests and recommendations for naming or renaming of facilities under DPH ownership of management, and will forward to the Board of Supervisors its recommendations regarding naming or renaming requests for DPH non-hospital facilities; for which the Board of Supervisors retains authority to name these types of buildings; and

WHEREAS, This request to name a DPH facility is not associated with any private gift or monetary donation; the request to name a facility after Dr. David J. Sanchez, Jr. is purely in honor of his many years of dedicated service, his impactful contributions to the residents of the City and County of San Francisco, the legacy he represents for the Latino Community, and the importance of recognizing and preserving the history of Latinos in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David J. Sanchez, Jr. was a native San Franciscan and proud resident of the Mission District; and

WHEREAS, He passed away peacefully in San Francisco on December 12, 2020, at the age of 81, leaving a legacy of public service and commitment to seniors, veterans, equitable health access, and the Latino community; be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors joins the San Francisco Health Commission in honoring Dr. David J. Sanchez, Jr. for his many years of dedicated public service to the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges DPH and the Health Commission to consider naming a building under their ownership or management, working with the Board of Supervisors and community stakeholders on identifying a building befitting of Dr. Sanchez’s legacy of service and the community he represented; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Director of DPH and the Health Commission; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that DPH provide a written response within sixty (60) days of the passage of this Resolution including a list of facilities under their ownership or management that can be named/renamed after David J. Sanchez, Jr., PhD.
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February 08, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Chan, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Haney

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/8/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

2/18/2022
Date Approved

London N. Breed
Mayor

Unsigned
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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date