Resolution opposing Governor Newsom’s FY2020-2021 May Revision proposal to eliminate Adult Day Health Care and Community-Based Adult Services.

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom submitted his Fiscal Year 2020-21 May Budget Revision proposal to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The May Revision proposal eliminates Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)/Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) programs; and

WHEREAS, While the California Department of Finance estimates ADHC/CBAS Medi-Cal savings for the 2020 budget year at $106.8 million and $255.8 million in 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, These proposed cuts would be matched by a loss of $106.8 million in federal funds in fiscal year 2020, and $255.8 million in federal funds in FY2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, Ten years ago, when the ADHC program was eliminated in the FY2010-2011 budget, the courts determined that this action violated the rights of seniors and persons with disabilities under the Olmstead decision; and

WHEREAS, ADHC/CBAS services are the most cost effective community-based alternative to skilled nursing facility care; and

WHEREAS, Mounting evidence shows that the use of ADHC/CBAS results in decreased use of costlier interventions including emergency room visits, hospital admissions/re-admissions and skilled nursing care; and

WHEREAS, This is made possible through the delivery of essential nursing, clinical, occupational and other supports to adults with complex medical, cognitive and psychological conditions through ADHC/CBAS programs; and
WHEREAS, If approved, the elimination of ADHC/CBAS will also create an even larger budget deficit, as 37,000 participants who lose this safety net exponentially shift higher costs to other parts of our health care system due to increased hospitalizations, emergency room visits and the inevitable surge in nursing home admissions; and

WHEREAS, At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom deemed California’s ADHC/CBAS programs an essential service because it protects the very people who are most at risk from COVID-19 due to age and underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, Over the past eight weeks over 1,200 ADHC/CBAS healthcare professionals valiantly sprang into action to meet the emergency needs of older adults with chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, Over one-third of the COVID-19 deaths in California have been residents of skilled nursing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Nurses, social workers and other ADHC/CBAS health care team members have already conducted more than 324,000 COVID-19 wellness check-ins and assessments, 972,000 related interventions and in-depth services to ensure that 37,000 vulnerable seniors and 73,000 caregiving family members remained safe; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, SteppingStone Health, Self Help for the Elderly, Bayview Senior Services, and L’Chaim of Jewish Family and Children Services operate adult day health care organizations; and

WHEREAS, Combined, these organizations provide essential care and services to over 700 frail elders and adults with disabilities in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, If these critical programs are eliminated vulnerable seniors and persons with disabilities will not have a center for integrated care: nursing, personal care, physical-occupational-speech therapy, therapeutic activities and nutrition counseling; and
WHEREAS, Caregivers who work or have full time care giving responsibilities will not have a safe place to send their loved ones during the day and some will have to quit their jobs or reduce their hours in order to cover the quality care that was provided by these programs; and
WHEREAS, This will result in the loss of a preventive care including medical staff to assist with navigation and translation of medical services; and
WHEREAS, Infrastructure created over 40 years that currently supports those most frail and at risk of institutionalization will be decimated; and
WHEREAS, It is essential and imperative to keep the infrastructure intact for San Francisco’s frail seniors beyond the May Revision; and
WHEREAS, Participants at Adult Day Health Centers create relationships and connections that dramatically reduce clients social isolation, a strong determinant of health and well being; and
WHEREAS, Elimination of these programs would also result in the loss of 190 health care jobs in San Francisco and a total of $13.6 million spent in the local economy; and
WHEREAS, Many seniors may be forced to leave San Francisco to get a nursing home bed; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly opposes Governor Newsom’s May Revise Budget that would eliminate funding for Adult Day Health Centers and Community-Based Adult Services; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to the Office of the Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Member Phil Ting, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee and Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.
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June 09, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/9/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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
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