

FILE NO. 98-1721RESOLUTION NO. 979-98

[Animal Testing at UCSF]

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2 URGING UCSF TO USE ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH METHODS INSTEAD OF
3 ANIMAL TESTING WHEN AVAILABLE, BUILD AAALAC ACCREDITED
4 FACILITIES AT THEIR PARNASSUS AND MISSION BAY CAMPUSES, AND
5 APPLY HUMANE STANDARDS TO THE SQUIRREL MONKEY EXPERIMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, Researching animals has been responsible for some of the most
8 important advances in human and animal health, including heart surgery, improvements
9 in the survival of new born infants, and the treatment of AIDS, diabetes, breast and other
10 cancers; and

11 WHEREAS, Many of the most important questions related to human health can
12 still only be answered by research using animals; and

13 WHEREAS, Technology is being developed and encouraged that offers an
14 alternative to animal research, including the use of computer models, cell and tissue
15 cultures, gene-splicing techniques, and recombinant DNA technology; and

16 WHEREAS, Although there are philosophical difference between animal rights
17 activists and medical researchers about the use of animals for research, there is agreement
18 that animals must be treated humanely and with the highest level of compassionate care;
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20 WHEREAS, Practicing good animal care requires comprehensive training in
21 techniques, procedures, regulations, and ethics; and

22 WHEREAS, The University of California at San Francisco's (UCSF) animal care
23 facility at Parnassus Heights was built 58 years ago; and

24 WHEREAS, UCSF cannot achieve certification for their Parnassus facility from
25 the Association For Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care
(AAALAC) because of the age of the facility; and

WHEREAS, UCSF is planning to build facilities at Mission Bay that will include
animal care facilities; and

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WHEREAS, UCSF has been cited by the US Department of Agriculture for animal care violations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these violations, an experiment is being conducted that subjects anesthetized squirrel monkeys to significant noise to induce hearing disability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby urges UCSF not to use animal testing unless absolutely necessary, only to use animals for testing when scientific merit has been demonstrated, and to use alternative research methods when available; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That UCSF provide the most comprehensive training in the use of animals for research; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That UCSF build new animal care facilities with the highest state of the art standards, both at Mission Bay and their Parnassus campus and achieve AAALAC certification when the new facilities are built; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That UCSF will correct violations cited by the USDA in their animal care facilities as quickly as possible; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Supervisors urges UCSF to apply the above standards to the squirrel monkey experiment.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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Resolution urging UCSF to use alternative research methods instead of animal testing when available, build AAALAC (Association For Assessment and Accreditation of laboratory Animal Care) accredited facilities at their Parnassus and Mission Bay Campuses, and apply humane standards to the squirrel monkey experiment.

November 23, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Medina, Newsom, Teng,
Yaki, Yee

Noes: 1 - Leno

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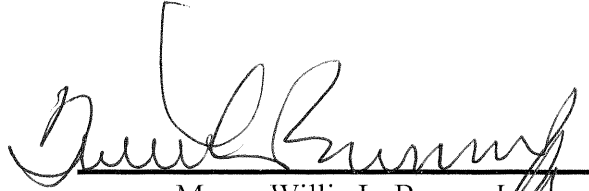
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 23, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

DEC - 4 1998

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.