SUPERVISOR BECERRIL KATZ

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

[HOMELESS OUTREACH, TREATMENT, PLACEMENT AND REFERRAL SERVICES]

URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO COORDINATE

THE PROVISION OF OUTREACH, TREATMENT, PLACEMENT AND REFERRAL SERVICES

FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO ENHANCE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF EXISTING

SERVICES.

WHEREAS, An estimated 11,000 - 14,000 people experience homelessness on any given night in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Approximately 25% of the homeless population have a physical disability, 30-40% have a psychiatric disability and 30-60% have an alcohol/drug related condition; and,

WHEREAS, Homeless individuals suffer from acute and/or chronic problems and many die; from 1990-1997, the annual number of homeless deaths averaged 118 per year;

WHEREAS, Many homeless individuals require treatment and access to services on any given day; and,

WHEREAS, There are currently eleven different programs that provide outreach services to homeless individuals in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Existing homeless outreach programs are not fully integrated and do not have the capacity to respond to all of the needs of the homeless individuals they make contact with; and

WHEREAS, Homeless outreach services could be improved by further integrating existing programs and dispatching multidisciplinary teams that have the ability to provide treatment, referrals and placement

for mental health, substance abuse, and physical problems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Department of Public Health to fully integrate the provision of outreach, treatment, placement and referral services to the homeless and to provide multidisciplinary outreach teams; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Department of Public Health to enhance outreach, treatment, placement, and referral services for homeless individuals to ensure that individuals who are on the street receive the care and attention they need.



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Resolution urging the San Francisco Department of Public Health to coordinate the provision of outreach, treatment, placement and referral services for the homeless and to enhance the current level of existing services.

March 8, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 8, 1999 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 Willie L. Brown Jr.