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**[Extending the Asthma Task Force Timeline to February 28, 2003.]**

**Resolution extending the Asthma Task Force timeline to February 28, 2003.**

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Asthma Task Force was to complete a strategic plan with recommendations for legislative action and city-wide strategies to manage and prevent asthma in the city and county of San Francisco within a year of its first meeting, which was on September 24, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the Asthma Task Force garnered recognition and support for it's work with a \$450,000 grant from the California Endowment on March 1, 2002 which the American Lung Association helped to secure on behalf of the Asthma Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, \$150,000 of the grant is dedicated to funding the strategic planning process, which will enable the Asthma Task Force to develop a first-rate strategic plan; and,

WHEREAS, Through the grant, a fully dedicated strategic planning coordinator has been hired and will soon be helping to facilitate a range of outreach activities to solicit opinions and comments from key stakeholders, including affected health care providers, property owners, heads of city departments / agencies and residents impacted by asthma; and,

WHEREAS, this community outreach will provide for a wider range of community input which better reflects the diversity of San Francisco and which is key to developing an effective and viable strategic plan; and,

WHEREAS, after the strategic plan is completed, the remaining \$300,000 of the grant from the California Endowment will fund strategies from the plan that focus on reducing environmental risk factors faced by school-aged children with asthma; and,

1           WHEREAS, the Asthma Task Force is well immersed in the strategic planning process  
2 but needs additional time to complete the strategic plan and take full advantage of the  
3 opportunities provided by the grant from the California Endowment; and,

4           WHEREAS, an extension on the deadline for the strategic plan will help to ensure that  
5 the plan truly reflects - and addresses - the needs of families, communities, institutions, and  
6 the city with regards to asthma management and prevention; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
8 hereby extends the San Francisco Asthma Task Force's timeline for the Strategic Plan from  
9 September 24, 2002 to February 28, 2003.

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