

1 [Opposing Governor Newsom’s May Revision Proposal to Eliminate Adult Day Health Care  
2 and Community-Based Adult Services]

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

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6 WHEREAS, On May 14, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom submitted his Fiscal Year  
7 2020-21 May Budget Revision proposal to the Legislature; and

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Ten years ago, when the ADHC program was eliminated in the FY2010-  
15 2011 budget, the courts determined that this action violated the rights of seniors and persons  
16 with disabilities under the Olmstead decision; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, This is made possible through the delivery of essential nursing, clinical,  
23 occupational and other supports to adults with complex medical, cognitive and psychological  
24 conditions through ADHC/CBAS programs; and

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1           WHEREAS, If approved, the elimination of ADHC/CBAS will also create an even larger  
2 budget deficit, as 37,000 participants who lose this safety net exponentially shift higher costs  
3 to other parts of our health care system due to increased hospitalizations, emergency room  
4 visits and the inevitable surge in nursing home admissions; and

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

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

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

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

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

20           WHEREAS, Combined, these organizations provide essential care and services to over  
21 700 frail elders and adults with disabilities in San Francisco; and

22           WHEREAS, If these critical programs are eliminated vulnerable seniors and persons  
23 with disabilities will not have a center for integrated care: nursing, personal care, physical-  
24 occupational-speech therapy, therapeutic activities and nutrition counseling; and

1           WHEREAS, Caregivers who work or have full time care giving responsibilities will not  
2 have a safe place to send their loved ones during the day and some will have to quit their jobs  
3 or reduce their hours in order to cover the quality care that was provided by these programs;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, This will result in the loss of a preventive care including medical staff to assist  
6 with navigation and translation of medical services; and

7           WHEREAS, Infrastructure created over 40 years that currently supports those most  
8 frail and at risk of institutionalization will be decimated; and

9           WHEREAS, It is essential and imperative to keep the infrastructure intact for San  
10 Francisco’s frail seniors beyond the May Revision; and

11           WHEREAS, Participants at Adult Day Health Centers create relationships and  
12 connections that dramatically reduce clients social isolation, a strong determinant of health  
13 and well being; and

14           WHEREAS, Elimination of these programs would also result in the loss of 190 health  
15 care jobs in San Francisco and a total of \$13.6 million spent in the local economy; and

16           WHEREAS, Many seniors may be forced to leave San Francisco to get a nursing home  
17 bed; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly opposes Governor Newsom’s May  
19 Revise Budget that would eliminate funding for Adult Day Health Centers and Community-  
20 Based Adult Services; and be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the  
22 Board to transmit copies to the Office of the Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Member Phil  
23 Ting, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee and Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair Senate  
24 Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

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