

1 [Commending Catholic Healthcare West, Saint Francis, and St. Mary's hospitals]

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3 **Resolution commending Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), Saint Francis, and St. Mary's**
4 **hospitals for their commitment to working with the Department of Public Health to**
5 **protect and enhance the provision of health care services to vulnerable populations.**

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7 WHEREAS, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center have been
8 providing care to the people of the City and County of San Francisco for more than 140 years;
9 and,

10 WHEREAS, Both hospitals are members of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), a major
11 provider of hospital services based in San Francisco; and,

12 WHEREAS, CHW is committed to the promotion of public / private partnerships whose
13 goal is to enhance and protect the provision of health care services, particularly for the
14 medically underserved; and,

15 WHEREAS, Saint Francis and St. Mary's hospitals have been engaged with the San
16 Francisco Department of Public Health (The Department) in identifying and evaluating
17 potential areas of collaboration; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Department and the hospitals have established collaborative
19 relationships that have improved access to health care services through increased primary
20 care referrals and integration with The Department's Lifetime Clinical Record, among other
21 projects; and,

22 WHEREAS, CHW has developed a leading patient financial assistance policy to
23 address increasing health care costs and protect access to care for people who find it difficult
24 to pay for health services; and,

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1 WHEREAS, CHW has developed an innovative tool, the Community Needs Index
2 (CNI), to accurately identify community-wide health needs so that resources can be directed
3 to improve health in order to avoid unnecessary hospitalizations; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Department and the hospitals have signed a formal Memorandum of
5 Understanding (MOU) to promote further joint service planning that could lead to expanded
6 relationships focused on securing safety-net services to vulnerable populations; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That CHW, Saint Francis and St. Mary’s hospitals are to be commended
9 for their commitment to working with The Department to protect and enhance the provision of
10 health care services to vulnerable populations, and therefore be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That other hospital service providers within the City and
12 County of San Francisco be encouraged to emulate these efforts and engage with The
13 Department in developing innovative and long-lasting public – private partnerships vital to the
14 maintenance of critical health care services.