

1 [DPH DRUG USE INFORMATION GUIDELINES FOR NIGHTCLUBS]  
2 URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CREATE  
3 GUIDELINES FOR PRODUCING INFORMATIONAL HARM REDUCTION HAND OUTS AT  
4 NIGHT CLUBS ABOUT DRUGS, AIDS AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
7 recently held a hearing on Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB) and determined that GHB when  
8 mixed with alcohol has been responsible for many deaths in San Francisco and around the  
9 nation; and,

10 WHEREAS, Despite the number of GHB related deaths, there are many GHB  
11 advocates which support GHB use under certain conditions, and their message is made  
12 available over the Internet, in books and newsletters makes zero tolerance messages less  
13 effective in preventing GHB use; and,

14 WHEREAS, The chemicals to create GHB are easily accessible over the Internet and  
15 by local sellers due to the chemicals widespread use for other purposes; and,

16 WHEREAS, Due to the high risk of using GHB, the ease of purchasing GHB and  
17 conflicting messages about the risk of GHB, the Board of Supervisors determined in its  
18 hearing that harm reduction messages must be developed and made accessible to the  
19 community of San Francisco GHB users to prevent future GHB related deaths; and,

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco night clubs provide an opportunity for outreach to the  
21 community of GHB users due to the reports of GHB use in such venues made by club owners  
22 and the police department; and,

23 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department has on some occasions informed  
24 night club managers that the only acceptable messages about narcotics that the department  
25 will tolerate are zero tolerance messages; and,

1           WHEREAS, Night club owners and managers would need guidance in crafting hand  
2           outs and assurance that the literature they were distributing would be acceptable to the police  
3           and health departments if they were to distribute harm reduction messages; and,

4           WHEREAS, In addition to harm reduction messages about GHB, DPH should craft  
5           guidelines that could be used for other drugs, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases to  
6           maximize the opportunity for communicating vital community messages through these  
7           venues; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
9           urges the San Francisco Department of Public Health to create guidelines for producing  
10          informational harm reduction hand outs at night clubs about drugs, AIDS and sexually  
11          transmitted diseases; and be it further

12          RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
13          urges the San Francisco Department of Public Health to create a system of distribution for  
14          such literature similar to the system in place for sex clubs within the City.



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### Resolution

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Resolution urging the San Francisco Department of Public Health to create guidelines for producing informational harm reduction hand outs at night clubs about drugs, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

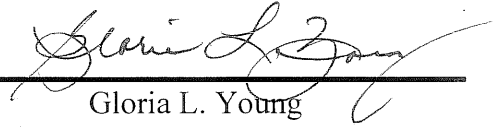
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January 31, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 31, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.