

1 [Housing assistance for people with HIV/AIDS displaced by Katrina]

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3 **Resolution stating that the City and County of San Francisco will provide housing**  
4 **assistance for the 8,000 people with HIV/AIDS who have been displaced by the**  
5 **Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi.**

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7 WHEREAS, The AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth and Families estimates 8,000  
8 people with HIV/AIDS have been displaced by the Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and  
9 Mississippi and are seeking medical care and the critical medications that many no longer  
10 have; and

11 WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS are medically disadvantaged with weak immune  
12 systems that make them more susceptible to bacterial and viral diseases; and

13 WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS must consistently take the correct medications to  
14 sustain their health and to stay alive in the long-run, otherwise the virus can develop  
15 resistance to the medications and can multiply unchecked; and

16 WHEREAS, Numerous studies continue to show that HIV/AIDS is best controlled when  
17 doses of medication are taken on a regular basis; and

18 WHEREAS, Some medications that people with HIV/AIDS must take may include up to  
19 twenty different types of pills; and

20 WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS who have been displaced by the Hurricane Katrina  
21 disaster must manage their virus without access to doctors or medications; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Health Resources and Services Agency, a federal  
23 agency that provides health care for HIV infected people, has closed four service centers in  
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1 Louisiana and Mississippi, including services centers in Biloxi, New Orleans, Hattiesburg, and  
2 Mobile due to flooding and loss of power; and

3 WHEREAS, The AIDS Housing Alliance of San Francisco is a housing referral and  
4 advocacy organization founded by and for people with HIV/AIDS; and

5 WHEREAS, "Under One Roof," a San Francisco non-profit organization that provides  
6 unrestricted funds to thirty-five AIDS services organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area,  
7 has created "The Above and Beyond Fund" to assist HIV/AIDS services organizations in  
8 Louisiana and Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS deserve equal opportunity for assistance for their  
10 special medical needs in catastrophic disasters; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of San  
12 Francisco to provide housing assistance for people with HIV/AIDS who have been displaced  
13 by the Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi.  
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