

1 [Developing Alternatives to Institutional Care]
2 SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR
3 SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

4 WHEREAS, The older population of San Francisco is projected to
5 increase nearly by half (49%) from 1990 to 2010; and,

6 WHEREAS, The growth of the "old-old" (85 and older) is projected
7 to increase by 174.2% in San Francisco by 2010; and,

8 WHEREAS, Gender disparity increases most notably among people 85
9 and older, so the resulting population of women generally has fewer
10 resources and may live alone; and,

11 WHEREAS, The number of persons with HIV and other disabilities
12 are increasing because medical advances help people live longer; and,

13 WHEREAS, People of color account for 53% of the over-55
14 population, and projections indicate that the ethnic diversity of the
15 older population will continue to grow; and,

16 WHEREAS, If given the choice, seniors and people with
17 disabilities generally prefer to live at home or in culturally
18 sensitive, neighborhood-based, non-institutional settings whenever
19 possible; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ensures the
21 civil rights of people with disabilities to receive appropriate
22 community-based services so they can participate fully in their
23 communities and neighborhoods; and,

24 WHEREAS, Because San Francisco currently faces a shortage of
25 quality institutional care services, and this shortage is projected

1 to increase dramatically in the next decade, the need for developing
2 home and community-based long term care is more important than ever;
3 and,

4 WHEREAS, There is not enough home and community-based care to
5 meet the current or projected need; and,

6 WHEREAS, 518 people will be using supportive housing in the year
4/13/99 2020 San Francisco will need 6,500 more supportive
grh 7 2000, and by the year ~~2010 a projected 7000 people will need~~
8 housing units
~~supportive housing~~; and,

9 WHEREAS, Current funding of long term care services is primarily
10 focused on institutional care and does not adequately address the
11 needs of those individuals who do not want or need institutional care
12 or for whom home or non-institutional care is more appropriate and
13 cost effective; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports developing
15 alternatives to institutional care for seniors and people with
16 disabilities, as well as developing sufficient institutional care;
17 and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will help
19 develop these alternatives by working formally with relevant policy-
20 making bodies to improve and expand homecare services, and to develop
21 affordable, accessible supportive housing so that seniors and others
22 will have a full range of alternatives.



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Resolution supporting the development of alternatives to institutional care for seniors and people with disabilities.

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 2 - Newsom, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 19, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.