

1 [Funding Levels for Department of Aging and Adult Services.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor to maintain funding levels for services for older adults**
4 **and adults with disabilities served by and through the Department of Aging and Adult**
5 **Services.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to over 200,000 older adults and adults with
8 disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, The well-being and needs of this population being served is an obligation
10 of the City and cannot be ignored; and,

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services was
12 established with a mandate to integrate services for older adults and adults with disabilities
13 with manifest understanding that said integration of the Departments would incur the need for
14 revenues that are not forthcoming; and,

15 WHEREAS, There is a serious budget crisis in the City and County of San Francisco
16 and the State of California; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging and Adult Services has prepared a budget
18 reduction plan for Fiscal Year 2004-05 with a contingency plan to cut an additional 15%; and,

19 WHEREAS, These cuts will result in a severe hardship to vulnerable older adults and
20 adults with disabilities by reducing the number of contracted services such as congregate and
21 home-delivered meals, emergency in-home supportive services and other community
22 services; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging and Adult Services serves older and dependent
24 adults in need of protection because of abuse and neglect or in need of assistance to manage

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1 their personal affairs due to mental and physical incapacity; and these consumers often have
2 no other options for these vital services; and,

3 WHEREAS, Services provided by and through the Department of Aging and Adult
4 Services are critical in the management of risks and acute interventions for older adults and
5 adults with disabilities and these services are comparably lower and prevent the need for
6 higher cost interventions by the Department of Public Health at San Francisco General
7 Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging and Adult Services has not been provided
9 sufficient funds for infrastructure, and is already seriously challenged in providing the services
10 it is mandated to provide; and,

11 WHEREAS, The amount of money saved by the proposed cuts would be less than one
12 quarter of one percent of the City budget deficit; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Mayor to maintain
14 funding levels for services for older adults and adults with disabilities served by and through
15 the Department of Aging and Adult Services.

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