

**HEALTH COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 13-10
RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES
MASTER PLAN AS AN OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

WHEREAS, San Francisco Ordinance 300-10, sponsored by Supervisor David Campos and effective January 2, 2011, required the creation of a Health Care Services Master Plan (HCSMP), and once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, requires that certain land use projects that fall under the medical use sections of the Planning Code and meet certain size thresholds be compared for consistency against the HCSMP;

WHEREAS, The HCSMP is a comprehensive look at San Francisco's current and projected health care facility and service needs and has been a collaboration between the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Planning Department, and the many community and health care experts who participated in the process to create the Plan;

WHEREAS, The HCSMP will provide the Health Commission, the Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors with information and public policy recommendations to guide their decisions to promote the City's land use and policy goals developed in such Plan, such as distribution and access to health care services;

WHEREAS, The HCSMP will also provide the Health Commission, the Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors with information essential to health care planning for the City;

WHEREAS, The HCSMP identifies the current and projected need for, and locations of, health care services in San Francisco, and contains recommendations on how to achieve and maintain appropriate distribution of, and access to, such services;

WHEREAS, The Plan was informed by:

- A 41-member HCSMP Task Force that served as an advisory body charged with focusing on health care access among San Francisco's vulnerable populations and developing preliminary HCSMP recommendations that reflected both relevant data and community feedback.
- More than 100 San Francisco residents who gave their time to infuse the HCSMP with community perspective. Through public comment at HCSMP Task Force meetings and participation in HCSMP focus groups, community members shared their vision of what equitable health care access might look like in San Francisco.
- Quantitative data and policy analysis reflected in the Community Health Status Assessment and the five assessments required of the HCSMP by the Ordinance.

WHEREAS, The resulting HCSMP is a community- and data-driven document that sets forth a series of recommendations and related guidelines intended to provide a dynamic and inspiring roadmap for bettering health and health services, focus on improving access to care, particularly for San Francisco's vulnerable populations, including low-income areas and geographic areas with high rates of health disparities;

WHEREAS, The HCSMP recommendations and guidelines were largely developed by the HCSMP Task Force not only to guide land use decisions and inform the siting and scope of health care facilities and services, but also acknowledge that health and wellness result from the complex integration of services, community partnerships, and neighborhood characteristics;

WHEREAS. The HCSMP was posted and available for public comment between July 11, 2013 and August 22, 2013;

WHEREAS, On July 16, 2013, the Health Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the HCSMP at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Health Commission;

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2013, the Health Commission was presented with a summary of the public comment that was received during the public comment period;

WHEREAS, At its September 3, 2013 meeting, the Health Commission voted in support of moving the draft Plan forward for final consideration by the Health Commission and Planning Commission at the September 19, 2013 special joint Commission meeting;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to San Francisco Ordinance 300-10, the Health Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Health Care Services Master Plan as an official plan of the City and County of San Francisco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission commends and thanks the HCSMP Task Force and the additional members of the community who participated in this process for their thoughtful work and strong commitment to the development of this landmark plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission intends to utilize the HCSMP to inform and support citywide strategic and health improvement planning efforts, particularly for San Francisco's vulnerable populations.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of September 19, 2013 adopted the foregoing resolution.



Mark Morewitz

Health Commission Executive Secretary