

1 [Supporting the San Francisco Principles 2020, Getting to Zero Initiative, and Sustain  
2 HIV/AIDS Safety Net Services]

3 **Resolution supporting the San Francisco Principles 2020, reaffirming the City’s**  
4 **support for the Getting to Zero Initiative, and urging the Department of Public Health to**  
5 **sustain funding for organizations providing lifesaving HIV/AIDS safety net services.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 2010, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS  
8 announced the Getting to Zero initiative, a plan to reach zero new infections, zero AIDS-  
9 related deaths, and zero discrimination; and

10 WHEREAS, Following the release of the Getting to Zero initiative a coalition of  
11 stakeholders including UCSF, the Department of Public Health, community-based  
12 organizations, private healthcare organizations, and community activists developed Getting to  
13 Zero – San Francisco, a plan to reduce HIV infections and AIDS deaths in San Francisco by  
14 90% from 2013 levels by 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, In September 2020, a group of long-term HIV/AIDS survivors published  
16 The San Francisco Principles 2020, a plan to address the unmet needs of long-term HIV  
17 survivors in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, The Principles identified the following challenges: that people over 50  
19 comprise about 65% of people living with HIV in San Francisco; that long-term survivors  
20 experience accelerated aging due to the ravages of HIV on the immune system with  
21 comorbidities appearing in long-term survivors 12 years earlier than in their negative  
22 counterparts; that long-term survivors are more prone to diminished cognitive and physical  
23 abilities, cardiac arrest, osteoporosis, diabetes, CMV infection, and other conditions; that  
24 these health concerns are exacerbated by the intersectional problems of poverty, depression,  
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1 the costs of and access to healthcare, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and  
2 unstable housing; and

3 WHEREAS, Statistics from the Department of Public Health’s 2020 HIV Epidemiology  
4 Annual Report, released in August 2021, reveal concerning trends in HIV prevention and  
5 treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, The Report found that screening for HIV fell by 44% from March 2020 to  
7 March 2021 and viral suppression fell from 75% of people living with HIV to 70%; and

8 WHEREAS, The Report found that viral suppression among San Francisco’s unhoused  
9 population with HIV fell from just 39% in March 2020 to 20% in March 2021; and

10 WHEREAS, At a hearing of the Board’s Budget and Appropriations Committee on May  
11 4, 2022, representatives from the Department of Public Health declined to commit to  
12 sustaining baseline funding for legacy organizations providing lifesaving HIV/AIDS safety net  
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, Long-term survivors and service providers have highlighted the  
15 destabilizing effects that cutting funding to legacy organizations would have on San  
16 Francisco’s HIV/AIDS safety net; and

17 WHEREAS, The Principles call for all medical professionals serving long-term survivors  
18 and/or older adults living with HIV to be trained in the proper care of long-term survivors; for  
19 mental health services for long-term survivors and/or older adults living with HIV to be  
20 provided on demand, at a reasonable cost and free of judgement or stigma; for mental health  
21 professionals serving older people living with HIV to be trained to address the unique  
22 psychosocial damage suffered by long-term survivors, primarily but not limited to isolation and  
23 loneliness, depression, and substance use disorder; for long-term survivors and older adults  
24 living with HIV to be included in the planning and implementation of any programs and  
25 services offered to them; for resources to be allocated to programs and services grounded in

1 the information and data gathered in HIV and aging studies; and for the fight for long-term  
2 survivors and older adults living with HIV to be aligned with other social and healthcare justice  
3 movements; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the San Francisco Principles  
5 2020 and urges the Department of Public Health to urgently implement the Principles; and, be  
6 it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public  
8 Health not to destabilize the City's HIV/AIDS testing and treatment safety net by cutting  
9 millions of dollars in funding to legacy organizations providing lifesaving services to thousands  
10 of residents; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to fully fund  
12 the budget requests submitted by the HIV/AIDS Provider Network, including at least \$500,000  
13 for a 3% cost of doing business increase for all grant funded contracts, \$3,000,000 million to  
14 sustain existing HIV prevention and treatment services currently slated for cuts, \$3,000,000  
15 for 300 new housing subsidies, \$1,000,000 for expanded mental health services, \$1,000,000  
16 for expanded acute behavioral health services, and \$2,000,000 for overdose prevention  
17 services.

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