

1 [Support for Senate Bill 613]

2 URGING ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARTIN GALLEGOS TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 613

3 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 613 would permanently establish an Office of Multicultural
4 Health within the Department of Health Services, ensuring the development of a coordinated
5 state strategy for addressing the health-related needs of California's ethnic and racial
6 population; and,

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8 WHEREAS, The well-documented health disparities of California's racial and ethnic
9 communities demand that attention be given to multicultural health issues; and,

10 WHEREAS, Factors that adversely affect the health status of racial and ethnic minority
11 communities in California include: geographic isolation, institutionalized racism, a rise in the
12 numbers of uninsured, the lack of medical providers able and willing to work in underserved
13 communities, and the lack of quality language and interpreter services; and,

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15 WHEREAS, SB 613 will ensure the development of health programs and resources to
16 address the health issues faced by our diverse racial ethnic communities; and,

17 WHEREAS, Over 80 percent of California's uninsured are of minority populations,
18 experiencing increased mortality from preventable diseases, higher infant mortality rates, and
19 higher incidents of prostate cancer, cervical cancer, stomach cancer, and other diseases;
20 and,

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22 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has one of the most diverse
23 populations whose residents would benefit greatly by an Office of Multicultural Health; now,
24 therefore be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 urges Assembly Member Martin Gallegos to support Senate Bill 613.
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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution urging Assembly member Martin Gallegos to support Senate Bill 613, which would establish an Office of Multicultural Health within the Department of Health Services.

July 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Yee

Absent: 3 - Newsom, Teng, Yaki

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

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

JUL 30 1999

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.