

APPENDIX A

Board of Supervisors Resolution for Alternatives to Institutionalization

FILE NO. 990411 AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE
4/13/99 RESOLUTION NO. 336-99

[Developing Alternatives to Institutional Care]

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, 518 people will be using supportive housing in the year 2000, and by the year 2020 San Francisco will need 6,500 more supportive housing units ~~2010-a-projected-7000-people-will-need~~ supportive housing; and,

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

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

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