

TEXT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION OF POLICY FOR PROPOSITION U SUBMITTED BY THE PROPONENTS

DECLARING THE POLICY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED AIDS RESEARCH AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, over 7000 San Franciscans have been diagnosed with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), many others suffer from AIDS-Related Conditions (ARC) and over 30,000 San Franciscans are believed to be infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV); and

WHEREAS, the timely development of new drugs and treatments, and the providing of health and social services, are essential to saving the lives of people with AIDS, ARC, and

HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of AIDS prevention programs is necessary, particularly in minority communities, in order to save lives and prevent further spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, community-based organizations in San Francisco and other cities are conducting effective research projects to assist in the development of successful drugs and treatments, but such research is hindered by inadequate support from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's network of community-based organizations is a national model for cost-effective AIDS health and social services, but inadequate state and federal sup-

port threatens the financial survival of these organizations.

THEREFORE, it shall be the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to support the continuance and expansion of community-based AIDS research and services; and

FURTHER, we, the citizens of San Francisco, recognize the heroic efforts of the volunteers and health professionals in community-based AIDS research projects and health and social service organizations; and

FURTHER, we the citizens of San Francisco, urge the state and federal governments to increase funding of and assistance to community-based AIDS research and services. □

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