

**Health Commission
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution 21-10**

**HONORING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION HEARING FROM
DIVERSE COMMUNITY VOICES AND CODIFYING ITS COMMITMENT
TO AN ANNUAL MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Health Commission (Health Commission) is the Governing Body of the San Francisco Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, The Health Commission Rules and Regulations state, “All Commission meetings shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Commission,” and “Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meetings and address the Commission on the items under consideration; and

WHEREAS, many individuals and community groups participate in Health Commission meetings by providing written and verbal public comment; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) regularly reports to the Health Commission on its partnerships with the many diverse communities in San Francisco to conduct needs assessments, planning efforts, and to implement activities and programs designed to address health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the DPH contracts approximately \$400 million annually with community organizations to provide a range of public health related services such as medical care, behavioral health services, and substance treatment services. As part of the contract approval process, these community organizations, serving the many diverse San Francisco communities, are invited to Health Commission meetings to present their programs and answer questions from the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has historically held at least one meeting per year in a specific neighborhood in order to focus the meeting agenda on topics related to public health issues, data, and services for those communities residing in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The DPH provides in depth analysis of public health data and programs for the neighborhood in which the Health Commission holds its annual community meeting. The DPH partners with local community organizations and groups to develop a presentation of community-level activities which is presented as part of the Health Commission annual community meeting. The DPH also conducts outreach to invite local residents to participate in the Health Commission community meetings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Commission shall codify its tradition to hold at least one in-person or virtual meeting each year, focusing on the public health needs of the diverse communities living in one neighborhood; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission will rotate neighborhoods for the location of these annual meetings in an effort to ensure inclusion of all neighborhoods.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its September 7, 2021 meeting adopt the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary