



**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 23-12**

HONORING DAN BERNAL

WHEREAS, Dan Bernal was appointed to the San Francisco Health Commission by Mayor Ed Lee in 2017 and resigned on October 16, 2023 in order to accept the position of University of California San Francisco Vice Chancellor of Community and Government Relations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal was elected Health Commission President in 2020, after serving as Vice President in the previous year. As President, he led the Health Commission during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mpox outbreak, and the Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Medi-Cal recertification effort; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal has dedicated his career to public service, having served as Chief of Staff for Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi for over twenty years. He worked in the White House under President Bill Clinton and as a presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Education. As Congress debated the Affordable Care Act, he supported Speaker Pelosi's efforts to build support for the legislation in California by convening diverse stakeholders and coordinating activities among Bay Area Members of Congress. He continues to serve as a valuable resource to the California Democratic Congressional Delegation and key policy makers and as an advocate in the fight to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Mr. Bernal has contributed in innumerable ways to many underserved communities through effective leadership. He is an HIV/AIDS Patient Advocate on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and was appointed to the Treatments and Cures Accessibility and Affordability Working Group (AAWG). He participated as Co-Chair of the Policy and Politics Working Group for the 23rd International AIDS Conference; was the top fundraiser for the AIDS/Lifecycle event 7 years in a row; served as a board member on the National AIDS Memorial and San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Co-founded and served as board president of the Breast Cancer Emergency Fund; and served as board president of the AIDS Emergency Fund; and

WHEREAS, he has courageously lived openly as a person with HIV/AIDS for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, his empathy, compassion, and affability will be missed by his Health Commission colleagues and DPH leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission honors Dan Bernal for his many years of dedicated public service and for the impactful contributions he has made to the residents of the City and County of San Francisco. The Health Commission wishes Mr. Bernal well in his new leadership position.

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 7, 2023 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary