

## **LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

*Guiding the development of an integrated system of home, community-based, and institutional long term care services for older adults and adults with disabilities*

Adopted February 17, 2005

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1 - 012005**

**Resolution adopting findings and recommendations of the San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council concerning the need for supportive housing and assisted living in San Francisco, and specifically the need for assisted living as part of the rebuild of Laguna Honda Hospital.**

1. WHEREAS, approximately one-fifth of San Francisco's population (approximately 150,000 people) has a disability; and
2. WHEREAS, it is expected that the total number of adults with disabilities will increase in San Francisco, with older adults comprising an increasingly larger share of the disabled population; and
3. WHEREAS, the "oldest old" population, those over 85, is projected to increase by 10,000 people, from approximately 14,000 in 2005 to 24,000 in 2020; and
4. WHEREAS, San Franciscans face an ever increasing demand for home and community-based long term care services for its older and disabled population; and
5. WHEREAS, the 1999 Olmstead decision of the U. S. Supreme Court determined that communities must provide community-based services for persons with disabilities who would otherwise face institutionalization; and
6. WHEREAS, housing with services is the cornerstone of a continuum of home and community-based long term care services for older adults and adults with disabilities; and
7. WHEREAS, many older adults and adults with disabilities, when no longer able to remain in their own housing, may need intermediate level assistance and not necessarily the 24-hour skilled care provided in a nursing facility; and
8. WHEREAS, as recognized in the City's Housing Impediments Report\*, available, accessible, and affordable housing is key to enabling older adults and adults with disabilities to remain living in the community; and
9. WHEREAS, the 2000 Consolidated Housing Plan, developed by the Mayor's Office of Housing, states that the City must develop 940 additional supportive housing units (i.e., affordable housing that provides a broad range of on-site and off-site services) for older adults and adults with disabilities who require long-term care; and
10. WHEREAS, even if all 940 units of supportive housing were developed, they would not address all of the demand for such housing needed for older adults and adults with disabilities; and

11. WHEREAS, the 1999 Laguna Honda Hospital bond measure included \$15 million to construct a minimum of 140 units of assisted living as well as the reconstruction of a new skilled nursing facility; and
12. WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution (No. 336-99) supporting the development of alternatives to institutional care for seniors and adults with disabilities, including the need for 6,500 more supportive housing units by 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the City's policy makers:

1. Continue and expand efforts to increase the amount of accessible, affordable supportive housing and assisted living for adults with disabilities and seniors in San Francisco;
2. Provide assurances that the commitment to include 140 units of assisted living at Laguna Honda Hospital, as specified in the bond measure implementation plan, will not be compromised as plans for the replacement of Laguna Honda Hospital are finalized;
3. Explore ways to move up the scheduled construction date of the assisted living units on-site at Laguna Honda Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Term Care Coordinating Council will work to ensure that there is a successful implementation of these policy recommendations.

\* Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, Appendix B: Housing Impediments/Disability, Mayor's Office of Housing, December 2003.