

1 [Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to investigate the reproductive health service
2 needs of young San Franciscans in light of the impending closure of New Generation Health Center]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to consider the outstanding needs of**
4 **young San Franciscans to access reproductive health clinical services in a youth-specific**
5 **environment**

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7 WHEREAS, New Generation “New Gen” Health Center started as a one-day-a-week clinic
8 within San Francisco General Hospital and has been in the community for 45 years¹; and

9 WHEREAS, Professor Phil Darney surveyed SF teens who did NOT use the teen clinics at SF
10 General Hospital and showed that underserved teens preferred an anonymous, non-hospital setting
11 specifically for contraceptive, pregnancy-related, and STI/HIV services; and

12 WHEREAS, a model clinic, New Gen was created for teens, and in 1997 the program moved to
13 its current location at 625 Potrero Avenue; and

14 WHEREAS, the number of teens seen quickly doubled from that of the former SF General
15 Hospital-located clinic; and

16 WHEREAS, New Gen patients are largely adolescents and young adults who come from
17 marginalized and underserved backgrounds; and

18 WHEREAS, these adolescents and young adults already face significant challenges in
19 accessing health care, and these barriers are even more challenging when they need to seek services
20 for confidential reasons; and

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22 WHEREAS, this Center provides confidential, accessible, youth-friendly reproductive health
23 clinical services and educational programs to young women and men in San Francisco’s highest risk
24 communities; and

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¹ All data and statistics taken from a New Generation Health Center one pager.

1 WHEREAS, 92% of clients are below 150% of the poverty line; and

2 WHEREAS, 92% of clients are people of color: 49% are Latino/a, 25% are Black, and 14% are
3 Asian; and

4 WHEREAS, 75% of New Gen patients are uninsured; and

5 WHEREAS, 65% of New Gen's patients come from The Mission, Bayview/Hunters Point, and
6 the southeast communities; the neighborhoods with the highest STI and teen pregnancy rates in the
7 city; and

8 WHEREAS, 12% of patients are monolingual and many are undocumented; and

9 WHEREAS, primary care settings lack a teen-friendly environment and truly confidential
10 services and New Gen provides both; and

11 WHEREAS, New Gen provided 4,239 visits to 2,231 patients in 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Gen outreach program teaches free and comprehensive sexual health
13 classes to SF teens and in 2015, reached 7,267 people; and

14 WHEREAS, this Center is an invaluable training site for UCSF students; shaping the future of
15 teen reproductive health care; and

16 WHEREAS, New Gen has a patient satisfaction rate of over 95%; and

17 WHEREAS, the Center is a place that young people can trust and feel safe going to for health
18 care, and we are afraid for those that will fall through the cracks, and of the impact that follows; and

19 WHEREAS, New Gen empowers youth and young adults to make informed and positive
20 decisions about their health and future, particularly related to their reproductive health; now therefore
21 be it
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23 RESOLVED, that we urge the Board of Supervisors to stand by [Resolution 170102](#): *Affirming*
24 *Commitment to Maintaining Women's Universal Access to Affordable Reproductive, Family Planning,*
25 *and Sexual Health Services in San Francisco* and by holding a hearing to investigate the reproductive

1 health service needs of young San Franciscans being served by the New Generations Health Center;
2 and be it finally

3 RESOLVED, we urge the Board of Supervisors, Mayor, and Department of Public Health to
4 consider the outstanding needs of young San Franciscans to access reproductive health clinical
5 services in a youth-specific environment in light of the impending closure of New Generations Health
6 Center at both a future hearing and in this year's upcoming budget process.

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11 Madeleine Matz, Chair, 2016-17 Youth Commission
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