



"A Political Action Committee"

WHEREAS, Protect Our Benefits, is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the health benefits of all city retirees in the San Francisco Health Service System (HSS); and,

WHEREAS, Protect Our Benefits, with more than 3000 members and contributors are retired employees of the City and County of San Francisco including the San Francisco Unified School District, Community College District and San Francisco Court System; and,

WHEREAS, In our diverse experiences as employees, as retirees, we have one common goal – protecting the health benefits we have earned over the years; and,

WHEREAS, Protect Our Benefits, through Proposition C, 2004 established the Health Service System as an independent and separate city department; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition C, 2004 established a seven member board consisting of seven members, four elected by the members, two appointed by the Mayor and one by the Board of Supervisors with the City Attorney to serve as legal advisor to HSS; and,

WHEREAS, The charter amendment in 2004 established the Health Service System Commission with full authority to hire the director; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition C, 2011 changed the HSS Commission by eliminating one of the four elected members positions to the Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition C, 2011 weakened the input of the elected members of the HSS Commission by changing the 2/3 vote for the adoption of plans for members to a simple majority; and,

WHEREAS, Under Charter Section AB422—Adoption of Plans for Members - The HSS board shall have power and it shall be its duty by a majority vote of the entire membership of the health service board to adopt a plan or plans for rendering medical care to members of the system, or for the indemnification of the cost of said care, or for obtaining and carrying insurance against such costs or for such care. Such plan or plans as may be adopted, shall not become effective until approved by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, adopted by three-fourths of its members. The Board of Supervisors shall secure an actuarial report of the costs and effect of any proposed change in the benefits of the health service system or rates of contribution before enacting an ordinance or before voting to submit any proposed Charter amendment providing for such change.

WHEREAS, The director of HSS is responsible for developing and executing policies and methods affecting city-wide employee benefit programs, exercising budgetary control over operating costs; presentation and interpretation of policies, rules and regulations with boards, administrative officials, representative groups and members of the HSS; and,

WHEREAS, Given the complexities of our Nation's health care system, the duties and responsibilities of the director are numerous; and,

WHEREAS, The HSS director is responsible for notifying HSS members of any and all policy changes affecting their rates and benefits in a time-honored manner; now, therefore it be

RESOLVED that Protect Our Benefits Committee, as a representative group protecting the health benefits of all city and county retirees, play a part in the hiring process and encourage the board to create a national and open search to ensure fairness to all members of the Health Service System.

LARRY BARSETTI

LARRY BARSETTI, Chair
Protect Our Benefits Committee

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Dated: _____