



**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 25-06**

HONORING PATRICK FOSDAHL, MS, REHS

WHEREAS, Mr. Fosdahl began his 34-year career at the Department of Public Health (DPH) as an Environmental Health Inspector in the Bureau of Toxics Reduction and Consumer Protection in 1991 after earning a Master of Science at the California State University. He subsequently served in many roles at SFDPH including Senior Environmental Health Inspector in the Hazardous Materials & Waste Program and Hazardous Materials Response Program; Principal Environmental Health Inspector overseeing permitting and enforcement in the Massage, Body Arts, Retail Tobacco & Smoking, Radio Frequency, and Indoor Air Quality Programs. In 2016, he was appointed Assistant Director of the Environmental Health Branch, and in 2021 was appointed Director of Environmental Health; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fosdahl created countless policies and programs in the Hazardous Materials Program, including establishing a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) in San Francisco. Under the CUPA, Mr. Fosdahl developed the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Program, where he was the lead for several years before becoming the Director of the Environmental Health Branch; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fosdahl partnered with Supervisor Katy Tang to create groundbreaking massage enforcement legislation, which significantly reduced the number of illicit massage businesses and human trafficking in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 emergency response, Mr. Fosdahl led the enforcement of health orders, providing oversight for inspections and enforcement in businesses throughout San Francisco and in residential buildings, including single room occupancies. This work was vital to reducing COVID-related deaths, especially among the most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fosdahl provided oversight and created streamlined policies and health codes for retail tobacco control, body arts, radio frequency, and indoor air quality. His work helped radically reduce rates in tobacco sales to minors and created the only program in the county to check installation of cell antennas to ensure Federal Communications Commission standards for radio frequency exposure were met; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fosdahl provided inspirational leadership that helped create and encourage partnerships across the city's diverse communities, and truly built leadership within the field of Environmental Health that will help continue to protect the people of San Francisco for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission honors Patrick Fosdahl for his decades of outstanding public service contributing to the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of July 7, 2025, adopted the foregoing resolution.

Laurie Green, MD

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