

Dear Supervisors,

As you consider adoption of the 2020-2021 FY budget, **please preserve funding and services in the Health and Human Services Department.**

Given the current public health crisis and associated mental health challenges, worsening domestic violence, family-based poverty and unemployment, this is not the time to cut funding to the department that works to allay social suffering. Giving law enforcement all they ask for at the expense of Health and Human Services is short-sighted, in that investment in prevention can reduce the need for law enforcement as a solution to all social crises.

I know this is a tough time. Please fully fund public health and social services. We cannot afford not to.

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