

ORDINANCE ON HIV PREVENTION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the spread of HIV/AIDS has continued to be a scourge on all communities in the City of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, there are now an estimated 22,000 persons living with HIV in Chicago, and

WHEREAS, the number of reported AIDS cases in the City of Chicago has increased 32% in 5 years, and

WHEREAS, this disease disproportionately effects communities of color, with African Americans representing 36% of the City's total population, but 65% of newly diagnosed adult AIDS cases, and 61% of recently diagnosed HIV cases, and the incidence of AIDS among the Puerto Rican community is second only to that of the African American community (41 cases per 100,000 residents and 26 cases per 100,000 residents respectively), and

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death for African Americans ages 25 to 44 in the U.S., and the third leading cause of death for Latino men in this age group, and

WHEREAS, annual AIDS deaths in Chicago, which were declining, have begun to rise again, increasing 13% in 2001, and

WHEREAS, a \$1,000,000 increase in prevention funding has the potential to save \$2.7 million in health care costs, plus avoid further devastation of families and community,

Now, therefore,

**WE THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
HEREBY ORDAIN:**

Section 1. That the 2004 budget allocation for the Chicago Department of Public Health be increased by an amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of expanding HIV/AIDS prevention programs in at-risk communities citywide.

Section 2. That this increase not be drawn from existing Department of Public Health funds, but from such other funds available to the City as shall be determined by the Budget Director.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its approval and passage.

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