

RESOLUTION No. 86-578

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

JUL 29 1986

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 64 (LAROCHE INITIATIVE)

WHEREAS, AIDS is a devastating condition that has stricken over 5,200 Californians, including many members of our community; and,

WHEREAS, AIDS is spread only by intimate sexual activity or by infected blood, not by casual contact; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 promotes public fears that AIDS is casually transmitted, contradicting 5½ years of scientific and medical research involving families living with people with AIDS and medical personnel caring for people with AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, it is universally known that the best way to stop the spread of AIDS is through extensive public outreach, prevention and education; and,

WHEREAS, instead of supporting a massive public education campaign, Proposition 64 promotes isolation of, and arbitrary discrimination against people with AIDS, and those merely suspected of having AIDS or carrying the AIDS virus; and,

WHEREAS, the wording of Proposition 64 is dangerously vague, opening doors to McCarthy era-like witch hunts and blacklistings which will create a climate of AIDS-related fear and prejudice; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 will cause suffering for people with AIDS, and those suspected of having AIDS or carrying the AIDS virus; and,

WHEREAS, arbitrary discrimination and social isolation will accelerate the spread of the virus by impeding important research and prevention efforts; and,

WHEREAS, such public policy is a violation of basic human rights and is not in the best interest of the citizens of Sacramento.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sacramento opposes Proposition 64, and in the strongest possible terms denounces the efforts of LaRouche and his followers to promote public fear about AIDS.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

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