

Subject: Oppose Funding Cuts for NAMI San Francisco in Proposed DPH Budget

Dear [redacted]:

I urge you to restore ALL funding for NAMI San Francisco in the proposed DPH budget. Despite promises to protect direct services, NAMI SF—the only organization in San Francisco supporting families navigating mental illness—faces complete elimination.

The SF Health Commission meets February 4. There is still time to reverse this decision.

[Optional personal testimony:

As a [participant/volunteer/community member], I have witnessed the transformative impact of NAMI programs. [In 2-3 sentences, describe specific impact.]]

Without NAMI SF, San Francisco loses:

- The sole resource for families during psychiatric crises
- Services for 3,000+ high school students annually learning to recognize symptoms early
- Culturally responsive programs in Cantonese and Spanish
- Embedded support in housing communities that prevents homelessness and maintains recovery

Research proves family education reduces hospitalizations, shortens inpatient stays, and improves treatment outcomes. NAMI SF's free, peer-led programs are often the first or only support in preventing crisis and emergency system involvement.

The city has funded NAMI SF since 2014 because these programs work. Eliminating this funding contradicts stated priorities and abandons our most vulnerable residents when they need help most.

Please restore full funding for NAMI San Francisco.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your address - to show you're a constituent]

[Contact information]