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[Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to Consider Tagalog/Filipino Language Access for Students.]

Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to consider Tagalog/Filipino language access and studies as a necessary part of the school system curriculum.

WHEREAS, The Filipino-American community considers bilingual access to Tagalog/Filipino and English essential to a well-rounded education within the San Francisco Unified School District; and,

WHEREAS, Only one Tagalog/Filipino language immersion program exists in the United States at Bessie Carmichael Elementary School for children in Kindergarten to first grade; and,

WHEREAS, Balboa High School, Lowell High School, and Mission High School's Tagalog/Filipino language programs have been discontinued; and

WHEREAS, 12 percent of students attending public schools in San Francisco are of Filipino decent; and,

WHEREAS, There is deep concern that the exclusion of Tagalog/Filipino classes at the elementary and high school level is discriminatory and detrimental to preserving the culture and identity of a student's Filipino-American heritage; and,

WHEREAS, The Filipino-American community has called on the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission and the Mayor to urge the San Francisco Unified School

1 District to provide equal access to students of Filipino decent to programs which celebrate and
2 honor their culture; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 urges the San Francisco Unified School District to include Tagalog/Filipino language classes
5 for elementary and high school students in its curriculum.
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June 10, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,
Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 10, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.