

1 [Supporting Proposed California Ballot Measure - Schools and Local Communities Funding  
2 Act of 2020]

3 **Resolution supporting the proposed California state ballot measure, Schools and Local**  
4 **Communities Funding Act of 2020, that may bring revenue to the City and County of**  
5 **San Francisco, San Francisco Unified School District, and City College of San**  
6 **Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, For the last four decades, schools, cities, and counties in California have  
9 experienced underinvestment and devastating cuts to critical services and infrastructure that  
10 residents rely on; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition of 13 in 1978, school funding in  
12 California has experienced severe limitations in what was once the main source of funding for  
13 schools, the property tax; and

14 WHEREAS, Per-pupil support, which relies on state funding, has declined from the top  
15 10 in the nation to the bottom quarter; and

16 WHEREAS, School funding in California is \$2,400 per pupil less than the national  
17 average and \$10,000 below the top-funded states, while California's cost of living is among  
18 the highest in the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, Staffing ratios for teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, and  
20 administrators in California rank at the bottom in the nation; and

21 WHEREAS, The lack of adequate funding is the result of an inequitable tax system in  
22 which corporations and wealthy investors do not pay their fair share in property taxes; and

23 WHEREAS, These loopholes and tax schemes result in millions of dollars going to  
24 corporations and wealthy investors rather than to local communities for essential  
25 services; and

1           WHEREAS, The property tax is one of the few discretionary sources of revenue for  
2 cities and counties; and

3           WHEREAS, Experts estimate that the *California Schools and Local Communities*  
4 *Funding Act* reclaims \$12 billion in property tax revenue every year by closing loopholes in  
5 California's property tax system; and

6           WHEREAS, The measure provides about \$5.3 billion annually for K-14 schools; and

7           WHEREAS, The *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act* does not  
8 affect property taxes for homeowners or renters because the initiative exempts all residential  
9 property; and

10          WHEREAS, Allocation of revenues to cities, counties and special districts will follow  
11 current property tax allocation; and

12          WHEREAS, The measure will provide billions in locally-controlled property tax funding  
13 yearly for cities, counties, and special districts; and

14          WHEREAS, The measure will provide funding to all school districts, over and above  
15 Proposition 98 funding, and follow the local control funding formula to all students in need in  
16 all districts; and

17          WHEREAS, Academic researchers at the University of Southern California (USC) have  
18 identified that the vast majority of reclaimed revenue will come from a fraction of large  
19 commercial and industrial properties; and

20          WHEREAS, USC research shows that a majority of commercial owners already pay  
21 close to market value, making the current system inequitable among businesses, benefitting  
22 large owners who have held land for a long period; and

23          WHEREAS, The current failure to close the commercial property loophole has led to  
24 poor land use and inflated land values, particularly affecting the ability to provide adequate  
25 high-density housing; and

1           WHEREAS, The measure incentivizes the development of residential units and  
2 provides more funding for communities to invest in affordable housing; and

3           WHEREAS, The measure provides new tax incentives to spur new investment in small  
4 businesses by eliminating the business personal property tax on equipment for California's  
5 small businesses; and

6           WHEREAS, The measure also exempts all small business owners whose property is  
7 worth \$3 million or less; and

8           WHEREAS, The measure levels the playing field for businesses that already pay their  
9 fair share in our communities; and

10          WHEREAS, The Schools and Communities Funding Act will bring in about \$800 million  
11 to the City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Unified School District, and City  
12 College of San Francisco; and

13          WHEREAS, On April 24, 2018 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted  
14 Supervisor Sandra Fewer's Resolution reaffirming the Board of Supervisors support for a split-  
15 roll reform of Proposition 13 in order to close the commercial property tax loophole and  
16 restore billions in revenue; and

17          WHEREAS, The Schools and Communities Funding Act will be on the November 2020  
18 ballot; now, therefore, be it

19          RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco endorses the California  
20 Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 for a ballot measure in November 2020;  
21 and, be it

22          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges other  
23 municipalities to support the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020.  
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City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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January 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/28/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed  
Mayor

02/07/20

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

2/7/2020

Date