

1 [SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DIVERSITY]  
2 URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
3 TO MAINTAIN DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN SCHOOLS.  
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5 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Unified School District recently  
6 agreed to stop using race based admissions criteria as part of an  
7 out-of-court settlement of a lawsuit; and,

8 WHEREAS, this settlement ended a 15-year-old desegregation  
9 policy of setting percentage limits on ethnic groups at individual  
10 schools; and,

11 WHEREAS, this settlement will likely cause the school district  
12 to lose \$37 million in state funding for equal education programs,  
13 money that was used to equalize academic opportunities for  
14 disadvantaged students; and,

15 WHEREAS, research indicates that a number of school districts  
16 where court-ordered desegregation plans have ended have seen a return  
17 to segregation; and

18 WHEREAS, at Lowell High School, one of San Francisco's top  
19 schools, African American students will make up 2.5% of the entering  
20 class in 1999-2000 versus 7% in 1998-1999 and Spanish surname  
21 students will make up 7% of the entering class in 1999-2000 versus  
22 14% in 1998-1999 as a result of new race neutral admission criteria;  
23 and, now, therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
25 of San Francisco urges the San Francisco School Board and the  
Superintendent of schools to research methods being used in other

1 school districts to maintain diversity and equal opportunity for  
2 disadvantaged students without using race-based admission criteria;  
3 and, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
5 of San Francisco urges the San Francisco School Board and  
6 Superintendent of schools to work to keep all schools, including top  
7 ones, integrated by using such means as redrawing school boundaries  
8 and giving enrollment preferences based on socioeconomic status; and,  
9 be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
11 County of San Francisco urges the San Francisco School Board and  
12 Superintendent of schools to maintain programs to assist  
13 disadvantaged students to create equal opportunities for all  
14 students.



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Resolution

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Resolution urging the San Francisco School Board and Superintendent of Schools to maintain diversity and equal opportunity in schools.

March 29, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 29, 1999 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 B. Brown Jr.