

From: [isabel streiffer](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Item 12, May 20 Budget and Appropriations Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 11:08:30 AM

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Hi,

I had to leave early from the hearing yesterday. This is my statement for public comment on Item 12 of the Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing.

My name is Isabel Streiffer and I am a born and raised San Franciscan and beneficiary of the free city program. I obtained my CNA license through the free city college program and am now taking my nursing prerequisites at city college. I am here not just for myself, but on behalf of my CNA and pre-nursing classmates. All of my classmates have one or two jobs, myself included, go to school, and many are the primary caretakers of children or grandparents as well. These programs are incredibly demanding and it is hard enough to pay for the cost of living while being in school. Free city is the reason that so many passionate and intelligent people are able to pursue higher education and go into professions that take care of the residents of San Francisco - our education should be considered a city priority and we deserve to be taken care of as well. Please restore the cut funding and continue to support this much needed program. Thank you.

Thank you,
Isabel

From: [Amir Taghavis](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Item 12 (File 260524) – Free City College Program Hearing
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 12:58:32 PM

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Dear Committee Clerk Jalipa and Members of the Committee,

My name is Amir Taghizad, and I am graduating from City College of San Francisco this week with an Associate degree in Computer Networking and Information Technology while serving as a Student Senator representing CCSF students.

Free City changed my life.

As someone who previously struggled with addiction, incarceration, and instability, CCSF gave me a second chance when many institutions would not have. Because of Free City, I was able to return to school, rebuild my life, enter student leadership, and successfully transfer to George Washington University in Washington, D.C. on a major financial aid package to continue studying Political Science and Public Policy.

I am not an abstract statistic. I am a direct result of what investment in public education can accomplish.

At a time when CCSF is producing increased graduation outcomes and helping students from working-class, immigrant, disabled, LGBTQ+, and nontraditional backgrounds succeed, reducing support for Free City sends the wrong message to San Franciscans who rely on this program as their only accessible bridge into higher education.

Programs like Free City do not simply fund classes — they create economic mobility, public service leaders, workforce development, and community stability.

I respectfully urge the committee to protect and preserve Free City funding for current and future students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amir Taghizad
Student Senator, City College of San Francisco

From: [Malcolm Campbell](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [SauterStaff](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Malcolm Campbell](#)
Subject: Defend FULL funding for Free City: for review prior to the Hearing and FOR THE RECORD
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 1:27:15 PM

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For review prior the Wednesday, May 20, 2026 Special Hearing on Cuts to Free City of the Budget and Appropriations Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and is FOR THE RECORD of the Hearing.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, sent at 1:26 p.m.
(Via Email)

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Dear Committee Chair Chan, Vice Chair Dorsey, and Members Walton, Sauter, Mandelman, and Board of Supervisors in general

No cuts should be made to the Free City program of City College! If cuts are allowed to the funding for Free City, the damage will be extensive, deep, and long-lasting, even permanent in the larger picture.

The program was established by a majority of San Francisco voters in 2016 through Proposition W. To arbitrarily cancel it or re-negotiate it in any way would violate the will of the voters and would be anti-democratic. This in itself could cause long-term harm to our democracy and its political process.

The need for those funds is obvious and talk about overdue financials is just evasion. The financials can be dealt with later.

Thousands of low-income citizens depend on City College of San Francisco to learn new skills for improving their lives, as a path to higher education, and for the benefits of greater knowledge and understanding in everyday living.

The student body is deeply diverse, and this allows for people of all backgrounds to interact

with each other. That mingling and interaction among all sorts of people, in an open environment of learning, has wide benefits throughout our society, and that is what democracy and freedom are about.

On a personal note, attending CCSF allowed me to begin a whole new career and a better life at an age when most people would have considered retirement. I am grateful for what CCSF gave to me, and for the many wonderful people whom I met there.

Finally, cuts to funding go against the gains of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, (of which I was a part as a young person), including that of equal access to education. We can't have an integrated society without it. If cuts continue, it may put us back to pre-Civil War times when people of color and poor people were barred from education. This cannot be allowed to happen.

In **one of the richest cities in the world**, it is indefensible that we not fully fund free education for all! This includes CCSF!

Keep full funding for Free City!

For Freedom,
Malcolm Campbell