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Resolution urging the California State Legislature to oppose California Governor Jerry Brown's proposal in the 2012-2013 budget that would raise the bar for Cal Grant financial aid.

[Urging Opposition to Governor Brown's Proposal to Raise the Cal Grant Threshold]

WHEREAS, Cal Grants are scholarships funded by the State of California, and a small portion from the Federal Government, used to help students pay for their college tuition and fees; and

WHEREAS, Cal Grants can be used at any California State University, California Community College, University of California, and other colleges that qualify in California; and,

WHEREAS, There were approximately 329,300 Cal Grant recipients granted a total of \$1,294,553,000 granted in the 2010-2011 school year; and

WHEREAS, In the City and County of San Francisco, 7,115 students were granted a total of \$34,425,000 in Cal Grants for the 2010-2011 school year; and

WHEREAS, Participation in the Cal Grant program and costs have increased since 2004 from 177,000 students and \$688 million to an estimated 256,000 students and \$1.6 billion in the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 includes a reduction in funding for the Cal Grant program by \$131.2 million, which would be achieved by increasing the minimum GPA requirement for Cal Grant in the following way: for Cal Grant A from 3.0 to 3.25; for Cal Grant B from 2.0 to 2.75; and for community college transfers from 2.4 to 2.75—all of which will make it harder for students to qualify; and

WHEREAS, About 26,600 prospective UC, Cal State and Community College students would be affected by this change in the 2012-2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, The facts that the deadline for financial aid applications was March 2 2012, and that the state budget won't be finalized until the summer make it difficult for many high school seniors to make a financially responsible decision about what college to attend by the May 1 2012, deadline for state institutions; and

WHEREAS, Students who are uninformed about this proposal will be very likely to choose to attend a college they may not be able to afford if this proposal passes; and

WHEREAS, Since this proposal makes it harder for students to be eligible for Cal Grants, many students who are already struggling to achieve academically would be more likely to drop out of college and try to find jobs, causing unemployment rates to increase and creating higher demands for unemployment benefits; and

WHEREAS, On March 19, 2012, the Youth Commission adopted Resolution 1112-08, which urged the Board of Supervisors to oppose this proposal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to oppose California Governor Jerry Brown's 2012-2013 budget proposal to raise the bar for Cal Grant financial aid; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to forward this Resolution to the Speaker of the Assembly and President Pro Tem of the Senate of the California State Legislature.

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