1   [Urging State Funding Formula Exemption for City College of San Francisco]

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3   **Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Community College Board**

4   **of Governors, and Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley to exempt City College of San**

5   **Francisco from the State Funding Formula and recognize its community college status.**

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7   WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco ("City College") was established in 1935

8   and is an essential part of San Francisco, providing affordable or free workforce training and

9   higher education to all San Franciscans; and

10   WHEREAS, City College has consistently offered generations of San Francisco

11   residents, especially those from low-income households, immigrant communities, and

12   communities of color pathways to a living wage, lifelong learning, and advanced college

13   degrees; and

14   WHEREAS, Since the cost of attending California's public four-year universities has

15   become so expensive, more local low-income and middle-income families and students rely

16   on City College and the high quality, affordable higher education, second-career training, and

17   workforce development it provides during these tough times, especially throughout the

18   pandemic; and

19   WHEREAS, In addition to offering diverse degree programs and classes, City College

20   is truly a community college, providing mental health and wellness programs, career fairs and

21   training seminars, lifelong learning opportunities, vocational education, English as a Second

22   Language courses, and many resources for all our diverse community needs; and

23   WHEREAS, City College has enjoyed strong support for its community education

24   model from San Francisco residents, who have consistently passed funding measures to

25   support City College, including making City College free for all San Francisco residents; and

1   WHEREAS, Despite this support and California having the fifth largest economy in the

2   world, we continue to face attacks on public education funding, which perpetuates a persistent

3   cycle of poverty in certain communities, despite the state's immense wealth; and

4   WHEREAS, Chronic underfunding of our communities' educational needs hits City

5   College especially hard, forcing cuts of vital programs and offerings, elimination of educational

6   opportunity, lowering enrollment, and leaving students struggling to complete their educational

7   goals; and

8   WHEREAS, The existing community colleges' state funding formula, also known as the

9   Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), focuses on full-time enrollment numbers and

10   does not recognize the critical role that City College plays in the San Francisco community

11   and consequently does not provided City College with the adequate funds to maintain its

12   educational facilities and academic programs, which will be aggravated when the current

13   "Hold Harmless" stability funding expires in Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and

14   WHEREAS, This inadequate funding is further exacerbated by local budgetary actions

15   downsizing City College and cost cutting measures including unnecessary layoffs and deeper

16   cuts to course offerings, negatively impacting the opportunity to higher education and job

17   training for San Francisco residents; and

18   WHEREAS, In addition, the SCFF does not adequately account for cost of living

19   expenses, exacerbating inequity in education access for students of color, and those from

20   immigrant and low-income households in high cost areas such as the San Francisco Bay

21   Area; now, therefore be it

22   RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor Gavin Newsom, the

23   California Community College Board of Governors, and Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley to

24   exempt City College of San Francisco from California's State Funding Formula; and, be it

25   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs

1   the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the California

2   Community College Board of Governors, and Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley.

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