

1 [Supporting San Francisco Applicants for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to coordinate efforts with**
4 **City Departments to support student participation in the Deferred Action for Childhood**
5 **Arrivals Program and create a centralized system to facilitate transcript requests and**
6 **enrollment history verification for undocumented students and transitional aged youth.**

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8 WHEREAS, On June 15, 2012, President Obama announced the implementation of
9 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that allows prosecutorial discretion
10 to defer the removal by immigration authorities, as well as to provide eligibility for
11 employment, of youth under the age of 31 who were brought to the U.S. as children; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Immigration Policy Center, California has over 400,000
13 youth and adults between the ages of 15 and 30 potentially qualified for DACA, with an
14 estimated 4,400 to 6,050 potentially eligible individuals residing in San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to \$465 in application fees, DACA applications require lengthy
16 forms that include providing proof of school enrollment, graduation from high school or receipt
17 of a General Education Development certificate, entrance to the country prior to 16 years of
18 age, residency in the country for five years prior to June 15, 2012, and presence in the
19 country on June 15, 2012; and

20 WHEREAS, On September 17, 2012, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
21 implemented a streamlined, centralized process to provide verification to those individuals
22 who are applying for DACA, which included online information and no charges to obtain
23 necessary documentation such as transcripts; and

24 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) currently charges a
25 fee for individuals requesting official transcripts, and there are no application instructions or

1 service referrals on the official SFUSD website for those interested in applying for DACA; and

2 WHEREAS, Undocumented youth have historically faced significant barriers in
3 accessing employment, scholarships, loans, state and federal services, and other
4 opportunities, and

5 WHEREAS, fraudulent immigration consultants under the guise of travel agencies,
6 translation services and other businesses have victimized immigrants applying for relief by
7 charging hefty fees for services they are not legally authorized to provide; and

8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission and SFUSD passed
9 similar resolutions supporting students applying under DACA; the San Francisco Youth
10 Commission has asked city agencies to support efforts to assist DACA applicants; and the
11 San Francisco Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) and Department of
12 Children, Youth and Their Families launched the "DreamSF: Deferred Action Grants Program"
13 to support organizations providing legal services and culturally competent services to eligible
14 DACA applicants; now therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFUSD to create a centralized
16 process like the LAUSD to streamline the process for San Francisco youth and adults
17 applying for the DACA program, to waive fees associated with obtaining DACA documentation
18 in light of the \$465 federal application fee, to provide DACA application information on its
19 website, and to ensure a secure and confidential process for DACA applicant requests; and

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges SFUSD to work with all
21 City Departments to support San Francisco's undocumented students and transitionally aged
22 youth, including coordination with OCEIA's DreamSF program to connect eligible individuals
23 with the City's grant-funded legal services and application assistance services for DACA.



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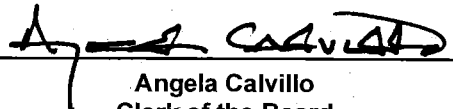
Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to coordinate efforts with City Departments to support student participation in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program and create a centralized system to facilitate transcript requests and enrollment history verification for undocumented students and transitional aged youth.

April 02, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/2/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

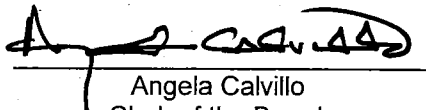

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
Mayor

April 10, 2013
Date Approved

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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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


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