[Bessie Carmichael Elementary School/Filipino Education Center Grade Expansion]

Resolution in Support of a Pre-kindergarten though 8th Grade Program at Bessie Carmichael Elementary School/ Filipino Education Center.

WHEREAS, There is no middle school program in the entire South of Market area of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Bessie Carmichael Elementary School is a pre-kindergarten through sixth grade program; and,

WHEREAS, Currently, there are 56 sixth grade students at Bessie Elementary School as well as hundreds of middle school age students in the South of Market area; and

WHEREAS, Along with the Bessie Carmichael Elementary School, the Filipino Education Center also serves children and adolescents in the South of Market neighborhood and is closely associated with the elementary school; and

WHEREAS, The Bessie Carmichael Elementary School/Filipino Education Center community has long advocated for a two site pre-kindergarten through eighth grade program much like the two-site kindergarten through eighth grade programs that operate at Rooftop Elementary School and Alice Fong Yu Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Most San Francisco Unified School District elementary schools are kindergarten through fifth grade schools and most San Francisco Unified School District middle schools are sixth grade though eighth grade schools; and

WHEREAS, Should the Bessie Carmichael Elementary School program not be extended another grade and expanded to the Filipino Education Center site, the current 56 Bessie Carmichael sixth graders would be at a disadvantage in selecting middle schools, as many middle schools are already at capacity in the seventh grade; and,

WHEREAS, The majority of kindergarten through 8th grade programs serve students on the west side of San Francisco; and all of these programs are successful and highly sought after; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Unified School District to expand the Bessie Carmichael Elementary School to the Filipino Education Center site to create a two-site pre-kindergarten through 8th grade program like two-site programs that operate at Rooftop Elementary School and Alice Fong Yu Elementary School; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors urges the Schoo District to start the new seventh grade class for the expanded school site in the 2006/2007 school year.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 25, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin N wsom

Gloria L. Young (Clerk of the Board