

1 [Urging Governor Schwarzenegger and the State Legislature to Restore Funding for Public
2 Higher Education.]

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5 **Resolution expressing deep concern over the proposed budget cuts to the CSU and**
6 **CCC systems and urging our Governor and Legislature to restore and reinvigorate**
7 **funding for public higher education in California.**

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9 WHEREAS, the California State University system (CSU) and the California
10 Community Colleges (CCC) play an important role as engines of workforce preparation and
11 economic growth in California; and,

12 WHEREAS, the CSU and the CCC systems award degrees to graduate over 164,000
13 students statewide, and over 8,500 students in San Francisco, into the workforce each year
14 and provide the majority of the state's teachers, social workers, health care providers,
15 business professionals, and engineers; and,

16 WHEREAS, the state budget proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger in January 2008,
17 would reduce funding to the CSU and CCC systems by over \$800 million; and,

18 WHEREAS, the proposed budget will produce a variety of impacts that could hurt
19 access, affordability, and quality of education through larger class sizes, reductions in
20 campus services, reductions in instructional support and research programs, and student fee
21 increases unaffordable to some; and,

22 WHEREAS, the proposed reductions to CSU and CCC budgets could eliminate many
23 well-paid jobs and depress wages for essential employees, creating a harmful economic
24 impact on San Francisco and generating less personal income tax revenue for the state's
25 general fund; and,

1 WHEREAS, the state of California estimates the number of skilled, college-educated
2 workers needed to maintain California's economic growth over the next decade will increase
3 at a rate greater than the current amount of students than California currently prepares
4 through its higher education system; and,

5 WHEREAS, City College and San Francisco State are particularly well-poised to
6 educate and train the workforce for San Francisco's growth industries, such as health care
7 services and biotechnology and green technology research and development, thereby having
8 a positive impact on the health and well-being of our city and state; and,

9 WHEREAS, the Justice Policy Institute has found that states that made larger
10 investments in higher education experienced better public safety outcomes such as declines
11 in violent crime rates; and,

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13 WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges and the
14 California State University systems have joined together to advocate for higher education
15 funding that respects the needs of California's students, families, workers, and employers, as
16 well as the economic welfare of our state; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins with state leaders to
18 recognize public higher education's critical role in our state's economic future as they make
19 budget decisions; this resolution to restore the \$200 million to the public higher education
20 budget; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins with
22 students, parents, alumni, staff, faculty, labor organizations, and administrators to express
23 deep concern over the threat of the governor's January state budget proposal to accessibility
24 and affordability of public higher education; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins with
2 students, parents, alumni, staff, faculty, labor organizations, and administrators to urge
3 California’s Governor and Legislature support increased investment in public higher education
4 using revenue enhancements rather than rather than decreasing affordability and
5 accessibility.

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