

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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