

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

2 **Resolution in Support of a Pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program at Bessie**  
3 **Carmichael Elementary School/ Filipino Education Center.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

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

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

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