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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Ronen on March 16, 2021. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 210294

Hearing to discuss the implications of the proposed cuts to City College of San Francisco's (CCSF) staff and course offerings, and explore ways that the City and County of San Francisco could offer additional support to CCSF to address these challenges; and requesting the CCSF Administration, CCSF Board of Trustees, American Federation of Teachers Local 2121, and CCSF elected student leaders to report.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

_____ No Comment
_____ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission



Supervisor Hillary Ronen

The City College of San Francisco is an essential part of San Francisco - a college that exists in true service of our community, from providing free education to San Franciscans to being the single largest jobs and skills trainer. CCSF offers safe harbor for many in the city, especially our residents with the greatest need of support.

But right now, chronic underfunding of our communities' educational needs is hitting CCSF hard. In the midst of a global pandemic, CCSF has put 60% of its instructors, librarians, and counselors on notice of potential layoff. This would leave more than 20,000 students struggling to complete their educational goals.

The impacts of these proposed lay-offs and class cuts would cause permanent damage to the health of City College. Programs where classes are currently full, such as Nursing, English, Biology, Aircraft Maintenance, Automotive, Construction, English as a Second Language, Philippine Studies and many more, will be severely cut or lost altogether.

CCSF has consistently offered our residents pathways to a living wage, lifelong learning, and advanced college degrees. And despite California being the 6th largest economy in the world, we continue to face persistent attacks on public education, perpetuating a cycle of poverty in the shadow of immense wealth.

The deliberate underfunding of public education and our California community college system undermines the very fabric of our city and the democratic values we cherish. The City and County of San Francisco must do its part to stand up for CCSF students, faculty, and workers who have given so much to our city.

I am calling a hearing to discuss the implications of these proposed cuts to CCSF staff and course offerings, and explore ways that the City and County of San Francisco could offer additional support to the college to address these challenges. I am directing the Clerk of the Board to invite the City College of San Francisco administration, members of the City College Board of Trustees, representatives from AFT 2121, and CCSF elected student leaders to attend.

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor [] inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

Ronen

Subject:

Hearing Request on the Impacts of Proposed Cuts to Courses and Staff Layoffs at the City College of San Francisco

The text is listed:

See attached document.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Hillary Ronen