



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.