

1 [Supporting the passage of the Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 21.]

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3 **Resolution supporting the passage of Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 21**
4 **relating to the autonomy of the University of California.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 1879, the Regents of the University of California (the “University” or
7 “UC”) were granted autonomy on all issues related to the management of the institution and
8 thus subject to legislative control only on fiduciary issues; and

9 WHEREAS, Statutory laws thus are generally not binding over the University; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past few years there has been a lack of accountability in the
11 decisions of the Regents and UC administration, from closed-door executive compensation
12 deals to golden parachutes for administrators; and

13 WHEREAS, There is thus a need for transparency in University decisions and
14 accountability to the people of California; and

15 WHEREAS, Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 21 is a constitutional
16 amendment that would remove the University of California Board Regents’ autonomy and
17 allow the Legislature to enact statutes affecting UC Policy; and

18 WHEREAS, SCA 21 will grant the Legislature authority over the University similar to
19 their existing authority over the California State University system; and

20 WHEREAS, If approved by two-thirds of the Legislature, the measure would be put
21 before the voters for final approval; and

22 WHEREAS, SCA 21 is necessary to bring much-needed public oversight, access,
23 transparency, and accountability to the University; and

24 WHEREAS, SCA 21 could provide the legislature the authority, among other things, to
25 pass laws requiring UC Berkeley and other campuses to address some of the impacts from

1 new University growth, including compensation for impacts on our public works infrastructure;
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3 WHEREAS, SCA 21 is supported by a bi-partisan coalition, including legislators from
4 both parties, labor unions, UC student and other organizations; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 hereby supports Senate Constitutional Amendment 21, authored by Senators Leland Yee and
7 Roy Ashburn, which would put before California voters an amendment to the state constitution
8 to remove the autonomy of the UC Regents from legislative authority, thus helping bring
9 greater transparency and accountability to the UC system.

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