

1 [Supporting California State Proposition 55 - California Tax Extension to Fund Education and  
2 Healthcare Initiative]

3 **Resolution supporting all efforts by the California State Legislature and Governor on**  
4 **Proposition 55, to extend funding for State Education and Healthcare Initiatives, which**  
5 **would prolong the temporary personal income tax increases approved in 2012 on**  
6 **incomes over \$250,000.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to making policy and  
9 financial decisions that enable the San Francisco Unified School District to provide quality  
10 educational programs and services to the school-age children of our community; and

11 WHEREAS, During the recent recession, the state cut more than \$56 billion from  
12 education, healthcare and other critical services; and public schools statewide experienced  
13 unprecedented funding reductions and apportionment deferrals; and

14 WHEREAS, During the Great Recession California schools lost more than 30,000  
15 certificated employees, and thousands of classified employees, to layoffs due to revenue  
16 losses; and

17 WHEREAS, California public schools rank 42nd out of the 50 states in per-pupil  
18 spending; California public schools are the most crowded in the nation; and California  
19 provides fewer guidance counselors and librarians per student than any other state in the  
20 nation; and

21 WHEREAS, Many of California's schoolchildren come from low-income families that  
22 lack access to the health care services needed to keep those children in school and learning;  
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1           WHEREAS, Passage of Proposition 30 in 2012 helped increase state revenues,  
2 providing a significant boost to California’s K-12 school spending and sending funds directly to  
3 school districts through the Education Protection Account; and

4           WHEREAS, Many of the lost personnel and programs have been restored through  
5 Proposition 30; and

6           WHEREAS, Proposition 30 has made an enormous difference between the massive  
7 layoffs and program cuts in public education suffered between 2008-2011, and the growth of  
8 funding and restoration of programs since its passage in 2012; and

9           WHEREAS, The revenues from Proposition 30 will decline after 2016 and will  
10 disappear completely after 2018, the last year its provisions will be in effect; and

11           WHEREAS, Proposition 55 would extend Proposition 30’s temporary income tax rates  
12 for an additional 12 years, to continue funding the Education Protection Account and boost  
13 spending on health care for low income families; and

14           WHEREAS, Unless Californians extend Proposition 30’s temporary tax increases, the  
15 state’s schools most likely will receive relatively fewer dollars in the years ahead, raising the  
16 prospect that California’s school spending will fall even further behind the nation; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18           WHEREAS, If Proposition 30 revenues are all allowed to expire, even in a recovering  
19 economy the loss of funding support for public education will likely return schools and colleges  
20 to pre-Proposition 30 conditions, forcing layoffs, furloughs, pay cuts and program cuts once  
21 more; and

22           WHEREAS, The Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 would  
23 extend the temporary income tax on wealthy Californians for an additional twelve years, while  
24 allowing the sales tax provisions of Proposition 30 to expire, making this extension of  
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1 Proposition 30 revenues a purely progressive tax, paid for by taxpayers well able to continue  
2 to afford the modest increase, while benefiting all of public education; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED: That that City and County of San Francisco hereby includes its support of  
4 the State of California Legislators and Governor to extend funding for State Education and  
5 Healthcare Initiatives which would maintain the temporary personal income tax increases  
6 approved in 2012 on incomes over \$250,000.

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