

1 [Commending the establishment of the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at the
2 University of California, Los Angeles.]

3 **Resolution commending the establishment of the Department of Chicana and Chicano**
4 **Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.**

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6 WHEREAS, Chicano identity and history is integral to the understanding of the history
7 of California and its diverse communities; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Chicano community’s aspirations involving higher education are
9 essential to analyzing and furthering the community’s strategic needs; and,

10 WHEREAS, Chicano Studies has been an area of study at University of California, Los
11 Angeles since the 1973-74 school year; and,

12 WHEREAS, The nascent department of Chicano Studies began in 1993; and,

13 WHEREAS, The students and faculty of UCLA have been struggling for more than
14 eleven years for the establishment of a Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, utilizing
15 non-violent methods including hunger strikes; and,

16 WHEREAS, This conversion of Chicano and Chicana Studies from an instructional
17 center to a full-fledged academic department is historically important because UCLA will be
18 the second campus in the UC system to have such a department; and,

19 WHEREAS, The establishment of the department expands access to resources and
20 allows for the development of a graduate program; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
22 commends the establishment of the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at the
23 University of California, Los Angeles.

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