

1 [Supporting Upward Bound Project]

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3 **Resolution in support of the Upward Bound Project and affirming the City's continuing**  
4 **need for such a program, urging the University of San Francisco (USF) to use its best**  
5 **efforts to maintain the Upward Bound Program on the USF Campus thereby assuring**  
6 **that Upward Bound retains its eligibility to receive Federal funds.**

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8 WHEREAS, Since 1964 Upward Bound has been providing low-income students with  
9 the tools to succeed in a post-secondary educational institution and is the oldest such federal  
10 program assisting individuals from disadvantage backgrounds; and

11 WHEREAS, The program aim of Upward Bound is to prepare disadvantaged students  
12 for successful completion of a post-secondary education; and

13 WHEREAS, Upward Bound achieves its aims by helping students develop the skills  
14 and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school amongst low-income  
15 and potential first generation college students enrolled in grade 9 through 12; and,

16 WHEREAS, On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1966 the University of San Francisco (USF) first offered  
17 Upward Bound project to 35 San Francisco high school students; and,

18 WHEREAS, Upward Bound has continuously operated since that date on the campus  
19 of USF and currently serves 136 participants; and,

20 WHEREAS, The California Department of Education, Educational Demographics unit  
21 reports that in San Francisco County, the four-year derived high school drop-out rate among  
22 African-American Students is 27.7%; Latinos, 16.4%; Asian/ Pacific-Islander, 14.5% and  
23 Caucasians is 10.2%; and,

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1           WHEREAS, From the high school graduating class of 1998 to date, 57.7% of Upward  
2 Bound participants have either completed or are still enrolled in a post-secondary degree  
3 program; and

4           WHEREAS, The student body of Upward Bound is an inclusive, diverse population  
5 including participants identified as gay or transgender, of various nationalities and whose  
6 ethnic distribution is: 44% African-American, 30% Latino, 23% Asian-American, and 7%  
7 European-American; and

8           WHEREAS, Upward Bound empowers students to realize their full potential as  
9 thinking, feeling, and spiritual human beings with the ability to change the world which is in  
10 complete harmony with the Jesuit tradition of education and pursuit of knowledge to improve  
11 human condition; and

12           WHEREAS, USF, as an Upward Bound host institution and through its offering of the  
13 program, its long history and tradition of service, and reputation for academic excellence, has  
14 gained increased recognition as a college choice for disadvantaged communities not only of  
15 San Francisco, but also throughout the state and the nation; and

16           WHEREAS, On November 18, 2010, USF emailed the Upward Bound program  
17 communicating the university's decision to transfer the program to another host institution due  
18 to "space constraints and budget restrictions," and prohibiting the continuation of the project  
19 on campus; and,

20           WHEREAS, "Transfer" to another host institution requires pre- approval by the United  
21 States Department of Education; and

22           WHEREAS, Such an action at this time would place the project in jeopardy of  
23 elimination since, to date, no other institution has even been identified much less approved by  
24 the Department of Education; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Upward Bound and US Army ROTC programs are currently co-  
2 located in the same building; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
4 hereby lauds the success of the Upward Bound Project and affirms the ongoing need for  
5 Upward Bound to help students succeed in high-school and beyond; and, be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
7 Francisco urges USF to use its best efforts to find a space to accommodate Upward Bound on  
8 the USF Campus in the same manner in which they were able to relocate the US Army ROTC  
9 program; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
11 Francisco urges USF, in the finest Jesuit tradition of promoting scholarly excellence, to retain  
12 Upward Bound on its campus in order to maintain their Federal funding that they may  
13 perpetuate their essential programming serving a diverse population of disadvantaged  
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