

1 [Endorsing Rally for California’s Future on March 4, 2010.]

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**Resolution endorsing Rally for California’s Future, a statewide day of action in support of education and public-sector services on March 4, 2010.**

WHEREAS, Education plays a vital role in our state's future economic health and the aspirations of millions of California families; and,

WHEREAS, Those who work in the education sector should not be placed in competition with state workers, where each fights against the other for scarce funds; and,

WHEREAS, Public education in California is under attack at all levels. Budgets for public schools – K-12 through University – are being slashed. K-12 schools in California have absorbed \$17 billion in total cuts over the past two years, representing 60 percent of all the budget cuts made over the same period; and,

WHEREAS, California is now 46th of 50 states in overall K-12 per-pupil education spending; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School district now faces budget cuts of over \$2,000 per student through 2011-12, possibly requiring class size increases, staff furloughs, wage freezes or other draconian cuts; and,

WHEREAS, California's community colleges, state university system and the University of California system have suffered equally devastating cuts since 2007; and,

WHEREAS, Every high school graduate in California has a right to higher education, admission to a community college, state university, or UC campus; and,

1           WHEREAS, A statewide conference of students, faculty, and staff unions held in  
2 Berkeley on October 24, 2009 called for a response to layoffs, furloughs and widespread  
3 cutbacks; and,

4           WHEREAS, Community members, educational leaders, student organizations and  
5 labor organizations including AFT 2121, the California Federation of Teachers, California  
6 Faculty Association, CSU Employees Union, United Educators of San Francisco, San  
7 Francisco Community College District Chapter SEIU Local 1021, and the San Francisco  
8 Labor Council, are organizing rallies and demonstrations in San Francisco, Sacramento and  
9 across the state on March 4, 2010, Rally for California's Future is a day of action to  
10 support education and public services through progressive taxation; and,

11           WHEREAS, The March 4<sup>th</sup> day of action will emphasize three themes: restoring the  
12 promise of public education; a government that works for all of the people; and restoring a fair  
13 tax system that adequately funds state services; and,

14           WHEREAS, In San Francisco, parents, students, teachers, staff and administrators will  
15 gather at 4 p.m. in front of the State office building at 505 Van Ness Ave to express support  
16 for adequate K-12 education funding, and at 5 p.m. move to City Hall Plaza between Polk and  
17 Larkin Streets to rally in support of California's higher education system; and,

18           WHEREAS, San Francisco has a fundamental commitment to public education, to the  
19 young people of this city, their future and their families; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco strongly endorses the  
21 March 4<sup>th</sup> Rally for California's Future and encourages community participation in defense of  
22 public education and a budget that supports all of California's public services.  
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