

1 [Resolution supporting SB 675]

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3 **Resolution supporting SB 675, the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Job**
4 **Training, Career Education and Dropout Prevention Act.**

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6 WHEREAS, California Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg recently introduced
7 SB 675; and

8 WHEREAS, SB 675 will invest \$5 Billion in green job training in schools, community
9 colleges, and more; and

10 WHEREAS, The proposed legislation will provide facilities and equipment to high
11 schools, community colleges, and businesses in order to prepare students and trainees for
12 green careers, and

13 WHEREAS, Thanks to the advocacy of groups like the Green Jobs Working Groups, a
14 cross-sector alliance of labor, social justice, and environmental organizations including the
15 California Apollo Alliance, Ella Baker Center, California Labor Federation, The Sierra Club,
16 The National Resource Defense Council and the California State Building and Construction
17 Trades Council, 20% of the \$5 Billion investment for this program will benefit
18 underrepresented and disadvantaged communities in California; and

19 WHEREAS, California suffers from too many high school dropouts, too little meaningful
20 career technical education at the middle and high school levels, and lacks skilled workforce to
21 fuel the emerging economy of clean technology and renewable energy; and

22 WHEREAS, California must lead the world in addressing both the problems of its youth
23 and the opportunities created by the new green economy; and

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1 WHEREAS, According to SB 675, California’s international leadership in renewable
2 energy, energy conservation, clean technology, and climate change policy creates significant,
3 but dramatically underfunded, opportunities to provide strategic capital investments in energy
4 conservation, clean technologies and renewable energy; and

5 WHEREAS, These opportunities also include projects that contribute directly to
6 workforce development and educational opportunities for high school pupils, young workers,
7 community college students and graduates, youth who participate in community or state
8 service organizations, college and university students and graduates, apprenticeship
9 programs for building and construction trades and other technical and vocational careers, and
10 training programs for unemployed, underemployed, or displaced workers and high school
11 dropouts; and

12 WHEREAS, SB 375 ensures that California has an opportunity to combine the
13 education and training of both its future college-education workforce, the underemployment of
14 recent high school graduates, and its highly skilled technical workforce with its effort to
15 combat high school dropouts and the retraining of workers who have been displaced by the
16 loss of high-wage jobs in California; and

17 WHEREAS, Clean technology and renewable energy jobs (green collar jobs) can
18 provide undeserved communities with a pathway out of poverty, a new and inspiring focus for
19 educational institutions and nonprofit organizations, and significant statewide economic and
20 environmental benefits; and

21 WHEREAS, Investments in renewable energy, energy conservation, clean
22 technologies, climate change mitigation, and investments that develop the workforce for these
23 industries will provide multiple benefits to California by: helping to achieve the state’s climate
24 change goals, creating employment opportunities for Californians that would otherwise not be
25 fully realized, creating opportunities for new businesses, and expanding and retrofitting

1 existing businesses, expanding the state’s utilization of renewable energy, and contributing to
2 the growth of clean technology businesses in California; and

3 WHEREAS, SB 675 establishes a special fund in the state treasury, available for
4 appropriation by the Legislature, to invest in career technical education that delivers the skills
5 and knowledge necessary for successful employment in clean technology, renewable energy
6 or energy efficiency; and

7 WHEREAS, Funds will come from the Energy Commission’s Public Interest Energy
8 Research Fund and be used to secure an unspecified amount in bonds to finance a
9 competitive grant program; and

10 WHEREAS, This bill will also create the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Job
11 Training, Career Technical Education, and Dropout Prevention Council which shall be
12 comprised of nine members from a variety of environmental, educational, labor and workforce
13 development backgrounds; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15 urge the California State Senate to pass SB 675 to advance the State of California’s green
16 future; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors send a copy of this
18 resolution to the California State Senate.

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