

1 [Encouraging University of California Board of Regents]

2 ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF REGENTS TO
3 CONSIDER RESCINDING ITS 1995 VOTE ENDING ANY CONSIDERATION OF
4 RACE IN UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS IN LIGHT OF THE DRAMATIC DECLINE
5 IN ADMISSIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDENTS.
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7 WHEREAS, In 1995, members of the University of California Board of Regents
8 voted to end any consideration of race in university admissions; and,

9 WHEREAS, That controversial and extreme vote led to the passage of
10 Proposition 209 in 1997, which outlawed public affirmative action statewide; and,

11 WHEREAS, At the University of California Berkeley, admissions for African
12 American and Latino students for the fall semester of 1998 were the lowest since 1983;
13 and,
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15 WHEREAS, Under the university's new admission policy, which prohibits
16 consideration of race, the number of underrepresented minorities admitted for the fall
17 1998 semester was down nearly 55 percent from the fall of 1997; and,

18 WHEREAS, In 1998, in the first freshman class affected by the affirmative action
19 ban, 56 percent fewer African Americans and 49 percent fewer Latinos were admitted to
20 University of California Berkeley than the year before; and

21 WHEREAS, The devastating impact of the university's new admission policy has
22 been demonstrated by the sharp decline in racial diversity at the University of California
23 Berkeley and at the other University of California campuses; and,
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25 Supervisors Brown, Teng, Bierman, Leno, Katz, Becerril

1 WHEREAS, The chancellor of the University of California Berkeley recently
2 announced that he supports repealing the university's affirmative action ban; and,

3 WHEREAS, The absence of affirmative action at the University of California
4 results in a dangerous lack of access and educational opportunities for African Americans
5 and Latinos and has a deleterious affect on the representation of people of color in
6 academia and a variety of other professions; now, therefore, be it
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8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9 Francisco hereby encourages the University of California Board of Regents to consider
10 rescinding its 1995 vote ending any consideration of race in university admissions in light
11 of the dramatic decline in admissions of African American and Latino students.
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Resolution encouraging the University of California Board of Regents to consider rescinding its 1995 vote ending any consideration of race in university admissions in light of the dramatic decline in admissions of African American and Latino Students.

March 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 22, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown

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