

1 [Urging the Administration of City College of San Francisco to Restore Neighborhood Classes
2 Displaced by the Closure of the Civic Center Campus]

3 **Resolution urging the administration of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) to**
4 **present a construction plan for the seismic retrofitting of the Civic Center campus,**
5 **located at 750 Eddy Street, so that this campus will reopen as soon as is possible, and**
6 **further urging that CCSF provide temporary classrooms in the Central City/Tenderloin**
7 **area for all classes that have been displaced by the decision to close the Civic Center**
8 **campus in order that the students affected by this decision are able to continue to**
9 **pursue higher education.**

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11 WHEREAS, For the past eighty years, since its founding in 1935, City College of San
12 Francisco has been crucial to the economic and social development of San Francisco, and
13 has been widely acknowledged to be one of the best community colleges in the country,
14 providing a rich array of academic and vocational programs such as nursing, radiology,
15 culinary and hotel management to many thousands of students per year, most of whom come
16 from working class, people of color, and immigrant communities and for whom CCSF
17 represents one of the only options for an affordable higher education; and

18 WHEREAS, CCSF is a public community college that offers an affordable higher
19 education to 80,000 students per year, it is vital that CCSF ensure that residents of the
20 Tenderloin, which has one of the lowest average median incomes in San Francisco, not be
21 marginalized; and

22 WHEREAS, The Civic Center Campus of CCSF, located at 750 Eddy Street, was
23 closed for seismic retrofitting with little notice, and many students were only informed of the
24 closure when they arrived for class; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Civic Center Campus hosts many LGBTQ health and history courses,
2 English as a Second Language courses, which serve San Francisco's large immigrant
3 community, and computer science courses, which are vital to addressing the digital divide, a
4 problem faced by many low income residents of the Tenderloin; and

5 WHEREAS, Hundreds of low income students have been unable to attend class at a
6 campus located much further away from their homes due to the cost of transit, which has
7 resulted in these students being placed at a significant disadvantage in their hopes of
8 pursuing higher education; and

9 WHEREAS, The seismic retrofitting of this campus location, while important to the
10 health and safety of CCSF students, should not be undertaken in a manner that harms the
11 educational goals of the students attending CCSF; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 urges the administration of CCSF to meet with community groups in the Tenderloin in order to
14 provide a concrete timeline for the construction plans necessary to seismically retrofit the
15 Civic Center Campus; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges CCSF to restore these
17 services to the Central City community by finding temporary classrooms in the Central
18 City/Tenderloin neighborhood for all classes displaced by this closure, and restore stable
19 access to classes for the students whose educations have been disrupted by this decision.

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