

1 [Supporting Senate Bill 438 Regarding Charter Schools]

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3 **Resolution supporting Senate Bill 438 to ensure all charter schools adhere to the**  
4 **state’s student speech and employee protection laws.**

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6 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2010, the California Senate unanimously approved Senate  
7 Bill 438 to ensure that charter schools adhere to state law protecting free speech of students,  
8 faculty and other employees, and

9 WHEREAS, In 2006, legislation was passed that prohibits censorship of student press  
10 by administrators and protects students from being disciplined for engaging in speech or  
11 press activities, and

12 WHEREAS, All students throughout California and throughout the country have a  
13 fundamental right to free expression, and

14 WHEREAS, Allowing censorship by taxpayer-funded charter schools undermines the  
15 democratic process: now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco supports the passage of  
17 SB438 to protect free speech of students, faculty and other employees in all charter schools.

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