

1 [Calling on the City to Launch a San Francisco Summer Jobs+ Campaign]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor to launch a San Francisco Summer Jobs+ campaign by**  
4 **identifying private and public sector funds, securing private sector job opportunities,**  
5 **and developing infrastructure to manage internships so as to increase the summer**  
6 **employment opportunities for San Francisco's disconnected young people.**

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8 WHEREAS, More youth in San Francisco are currently unemployed than have been in  
9 the past 60 years, with 33 percent of the City's job seeking youth officially unemployed  
10 according to the American Community Survey; and

11 WHEREAS, In Summer 2011, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development of  
12 the City and County of San Francisco received 1,100 applications for 400 positions, and San  
13 Francisco's two largest City-funded internship programs, the Mayor's Youth Employment and  
14 Education Program (MYEEP) and San Francisco Youth Works, turned away over 2,000 youth  
15 applicants; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the Youth Vote Student Survey of over 9,500 San Francisco  
17 Unified School District high school students, youth consistently prioritize employment over any  
18 other potential activity, program, club, or lesson; and

19 WHEREAS, According to a 2012 report from the Corporation for National and  
20 Community Service and the White House Council for Community Solutions, there are about  
21 6.7 million transitionally aged youth who are disconnected from education and work across  
22 the county; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the full lifetime of this cohort, these youth will impact United States  
24 taxpayers by costing \$1.56 trillion in present value terms, with an additional social burden  
25 valued at \$4.75 trillion; and

1           WHEREAS, Many disconnected youth between the ages of 16 and 24 are not  
2 represented in employment statistics because limited employment opportunities and  
3 challenging market conditions lead to the youth feeling dissuaded from searching; and

4           WHEREAS, Nationally, summer unemployment is at its highest rate since 1948, with  
5 only 49 percent of youth 16-24 employed in July – the busiest youth job month of the year;  
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7           WHEREAS, Unemployment nationwide is higher among youth of color, with only 35  
8 percent of African American youth and 43 percent of Latino youth employed in July 2011; and

9           WHEREAS, studies suggest that unemployment in low-income youth further limits a  
10 young person’s potential earnings as an adult; and

11           WHEREAS, Youth workforce development programs provide a springboard for future  
12 employment opportunities; and

13           WHEREAS, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo recently launched the New York  
14 Youth Works program, a statewide program to combat the high unemployment rates among  
15 disconnected young people of color in communities across New York, which provides \$65  
16 million for youth job training programs and \$25 million in tax credits for businesses that hire  
17 unemployed and disadvantaged youth; and

18           WHEREAS, Previous San Francisco Mayoral administrations have successfully  
19 created public-private partnerships to provide summer youth workforce development  
20 programs, for example, in May 2000, Mayor Willie Brown raised over \$1 million for subsidized  
21 youth employment opportunities through local corporations that partnered with the City in the  
22 Say Youth Employment for the Summer (Say YES) campaign, and in 2004, Mayor Gavin  
23 Newsom secured funding for over 120 youth jobs in his Mayor’s Vocational Program by  
24 making personal telephone calls to local businesses; and

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1           WHEREAS, On January 31, 2012, at the urging of the San Francisco Youth  
2 Commission, the Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 036-12 (File No. 120053),  
3 supporting the design of President Obama’s Summer Jobs+ Plan, and stating that the Board  
4 of Supervisors will “work to develop a similar plan in San Francisco in order to promote youth  
5 employment in San Francisco”; and

6           WHEREAS, Over the course of the past two months, at the direction of United Way  
7 Worldwide, which the Obama Administration has tasked with engaging the private sector in  
8 order to develop and implement Summer Jobs+ in dozens of communities across the country,  
9 United Way of the Bay Area has convened meetings with various private sector companies,  
10 youth employment service providers, representatives of the Mayor’s Office and various City  
11 Departments in an effort to develop a local version of Summer Jobs+; and

12           WHEREAS, On March 19, 2012, in hopes of establishing specific targets for this effort  
13 and at the urging of the 28 diverse youth employment providers that make up the Youth  
14 Employment Coalition, the San Francisco Youth Commission unanimously adopted resolution  
15 1112 – AL10, which calls on the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to launch the San  
16 Francisco Summer Jobs+ program; and

17           WHEREAS, each youth employment position would cost about \$2500 for the summer;  
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19           WHEREAS, Through the leadership of Mayor Lee and the Board of Supervisors, San  
20 Francisco has begun organizing an unprecedented, nationally-recognized summer jobs  
21 campaign in partnership with President Obama and the United Way of the Bay Area to  
22 provide high quality summer employment, paid internship and mentorship programs for San  
23 Francisco young people ages 16 to 24 through the San Francisco Summer Jobs + initiative;  
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1           WHEREAS, Mayor Lee convened all City Department heads and directed them to  
2 participate to the maximum extent possible in San Francisco Summer Jobs + through  
3 programs like Youthworks, Project Pull and others to provide at least 2,500 summer jobs and  
4 paid internships for San Francisco youth; and

5           WHEREAS, Mayor Lee, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco  
6 Unified School District Superintendent Carlos Garcia and members of the Board of  
7 Supervisors are challenging San Francisco's private sector companies to participate in San  
8 Francisco Summer Jobs + by creating an unprecedented number of high quality summer jobs  
9 and paid internships for San Francisco's young people to match or exceed the number of  
10 summer jobs and paid internships provided by City Departments; and

11           WHEREAS, through the partnership of the City, private sector companies and  
12 nonprofit/community-based organizations, San Francisco Summer Jobs + seeks to create  
13 more than 5,000 high quality summer jobs and paid internship opportunities for our City's  
14 young people, including work-ready youth, at-risk youth, and young people from  
15 disadvantaged backgrounds and communities; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will collaborate with the Mayor to raise  
17 \$2.25 million in new funding from private sector companies to launch San Francisco Summer  
18 Jobs+, which would result in about 900 new youth jobs this summer; and, be it

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21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to assure that  
22 any such new employment opportunities resulting from San Francisco Summer Jobs+ will be  
23 prioritized for disconnected youth; and, be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That these employment opportunities will be coordinated  
25 through existing entities including the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, the

1 San Francisco Unified School District's Career Technical Education Department, United Way  
2 of the Bay Area, City College of San Francisco, and youth employment providers, who are  
3 equipped to determine the best strategies to maximize summer youth employment efforts in  
4 the most efficient manner possible.

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