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RESOLUTION NO.

[Urging the California State Legislature to Pass Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 and Send It to the Voters]

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 that would, with voter approval, amend the State Constitution and overturn the ban on using affirmative action criteria for recruitment and admissions to state institutions of higher education.

WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition 209 in 1996 has led to a proportional decline in underrepresented students, particularly in the UC system, by banning the use of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin as factors in recruiting and admitting students into public educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Although California public educational institutions can give admission preference based on military service, income, geographic background, athletic ability, and legacy, Proposition 209 bars state schools from using race for recruitment and admissions, thus diminishing campus and workforce diversity, the fight for equality and racial integration, and the development of future minority leadership; and

WHEREAS, After passage of Proposition 209, in 1998 enrollment by African-American and Latino students dropped by over 50% at UC Berkeley and over 30% at UCLA according to the UC President's Office of Student Affairs and Admissions; and

WHEREAS, Systemwide in 2012, 54% of California high school graduates were in underrepresented groups; 39%, based on GPA and test scores, were in the eligibility pool for UC campuses; but only 31% were admitted to the freshman class; and

WHEREAS, According to a 2012 amicus brief filed by 444 American social science researchers from 42 states and 172 educational institutions and research centers, many from both public and private colleges and universities in California, submitted in the *Fisher v*.

University of Texas case brought before the U.S. Supreme Court, lower diversity levels lead to racial isolation and a negative racial climate, harming the nation's future and the quality of education for all students; and

WHEREAS, The same amicus brief states that allowing race as a consideration in admissions can serve as a "'symbolic beacon of a welcoming environment' that helps students to overcome their reluctance to apply or enroll at a selective institution;" and

WHEREAS, As established by the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* and *Grutter v. Bollinger*, race can be used in admissions policies under a standard of "strict scrutiny," to ensure a diverse student body and educational experience, benefitting both minority and non-minority students alike; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 209 went beyond what is required by the U.S. Supreme Court and banned completely the use of race in admissions; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Ed Hernandez proposed Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (SCA 5) on December 3, 2012, to amend the California Constitution, Section 31 of Article I; and

WHEREAS, SCA 5 allows public educational institutions, like private educational institutions, to use affirmative action criteria in recruiting and admissions to the full extent of the law, in accordance with the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, and thus does not and cannot operate as a quota, nor would it allow for admitting unqualified students; and

WHEREAS, Support for SCA 5 has come from medical associations such as the California Medical Association, the California Nurses Association, the California Pharmacists Association and many others, since research has shown that the drop in racial diversity is greatest in science fields, thus endangering a diverse medical workforce and the health of underrepresented communities; and,

Supervisors Breed, Campos, Kim, Wiener BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, Further support has come from educational and student associations throughout the state, among others; and

WHEREAS, SCA 5 has been heard in the Senate Committees on Education, Elections and Constitutional Amendments, and Appropriations, and on January 30, 2014 was approved in the California Senate by a vote of 27 to 9; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding all the aforementioned evidence and support, as of March 17, 2014, SCA 5 has been stalled in the California State Assembly; and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State Assembly to pass Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 to allow California voters the chance to amend the State Constitution, overturn the ban on affirmative action in public educational institutions, and create more a equitable and diverse public education system, workplace, and society.

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SCA-5 Public education: student recruitment and selection. (2013-2014)

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 30, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE 2013-2014 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

No. 5

Introduced by Senator Hernandez (Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bradford) (Coauthors: Senators Block, De León, Lara, Leno, and Steinberg) (Coauthor: Assembly Member Garcia)

December 03, 2012

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 31 of Article I thereof, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 5, as amended, Hernandez. Public postsecondary education: student recruitment and selection.

The California Constitution prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

This measure would-provide that-the above prohibition does not prevent state institutions of higher education, as defined, from implementing student recruitment and selection programs permissible under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution eliminate this prohibition on state discrimination or preference in the operation of public education.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its 2013–14 Regular Session commencing on the third day of December 2012, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California, that the Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

That Section 31 of Article I thereof is amended to read:

SEC. 31. (a) The State shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

(b) This section shall apply only to action taken after the section's effective date.

(c) Nothing in this This section shall not be interpreted as prohibiting bona fide qualifications based on sex which that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

(d) Nothing in this-This section shall not be interpreted as invalidating any court order or consent decree-which that is in force as of the effective date of this section.

(e) Nothing in this—This section shall not be interpreted as prohibiting action—which that must be taken to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal program, where ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds to the State.

(f) For the purposes of this section, "State" shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the State itself, any city, county, city and county, -public university system, including the University of California, community college district, school district, special district, or any other political subdivision or governmental instrumentality of or within the State. "State" does not include the University of California or the Public School System.

(g) The remedies available for violations of this section shall be the same, regardless of the injured party's race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin, as are otherwise available for violations of then-existing California antidiscrimination law.

(h) This section shall be self-executing. If any part or parts of this section are found to be in conflict with federal law or the United States Constitution, the section shall be implemented to the maximum extent that federal law and the United States Constitution permit. Any provision held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

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(b)Notwithstanding subdivision (a), this section does not prevent state institutions of higher education from implementing student recruitment and selection programs that are permissible under the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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