

1 [Urging UC Berkeley Extension to maintain a Photography Program and darkroom in San
2 Francisco.]

3 **Resolution urging the UC Berkeley Extension to maintain a Photography Program and**
4 **darkroom in San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, For over 35 years, the UC Berkeley Extension curriculum in San Francisco
7 has supported a wide range of programs with a significant emphasis on the arts. It has allowed
8 a diverse population of San Francisco citizens of all ages to attend its classes; and

9 WHEREAS, One such program is the Certificate Program in Photography that averages
10 350 students in 18 classes each semester; these classes have offered the citizens of San
11 Francisco 14-18 classes with darkroom use as an integral part of the curriculum per semester;
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13 WHEREAS, Many of these photography students have gone on to be included in
14 national and international exhibitions and their work is part of public and private collections
15 worldwide; and

16 WHEREAS, The photography program regularly curates a total of 18 photography
17 shows in its two galleries on campus which attract local, national and international artists; and

18 WHEREAS, The black and white printing process is an integral part of the UC Berkeley
19 Extension Photography Program and is an important art form unto itself that cannot be
20 replaced by digital technology, but does inform and work in conjunction with the "digital
21 darkroom"; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco has long been noted for its active communities, its cultural
23 richness and the creative spirit of its citizens and the arts are vital to our city's cultural fabric;
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25 WHEREAS, It is vital to support educational programs that provide an avenue of artistic
expression for the citizens of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 hereby urges the UC Berkeley Extension to maintain a Photography Program and darkroom in
3 San Francisco.

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