

1 [Urging Support of City College of San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution urging San Francisco elected officials to support City College of San**
4 **Francisco in maintaining its mission as a Community College and to support City**
5 **College by finding new revenue sources.**

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7 WHEREAS, In an era of jobless recovery, mass layoffs and skyrocketing college
8 tuition, City College of San Francisco is a beacon for all San Franciscans, from immigrants
9 and displaced workers to cash-strapped families seeking educational opportunities for their
10 children; and

11 WHEREAS, City College is the largest provider of workforce training in San Francisco,
12 offering programs in growing fields such as engineering, nursing, and technology, providing
13 job re-training to teach workers new skills; it is the largest provider of English-as-a-Second-
14 Language (ESL) courses, and the college's partnerships with San Francisco's restaurant and
15 hospitality sector and other industries are national models; and

16 WHEREAS, Five years of drastic cuts in state funding, literally tens of millions of dollars
17 including \$17 million in state money in the last year, has resulted in shrinking programs and
18 overflowing classes; skyrocketing costs to students and families; employee furloughs, pay
19 cuts, and givebacks; shutting the doors on far too many students who are unable to get the
20 classes they need; and an increasing sense that community college education and its mission
21 are wholly threatened for our city's diverse students; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on all local and state
23 officials to support City College of San Francisco in maintaining its mission as a Community
24 College, serving the entire San Francisco community with its irreplaceable focus on low-
25 income and underrepresented students for whom it is the only option, and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges all local
2 and state officials to support finding new revenue sources, including supporting the parcel tax
3 that has been placed on the November 2012 ballot, in order to maintain the programs,
4 accessibility, and educational quality, and offer the college all available support to maintain its
5 accreditation so that it remains a valuable and irreplaceable resource for San Francisco and
6 the Bay Area.

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