

1 [Urging City College of San Francisco to Preserve the Quality and Diversity of the School's
2 Education and the City to Consider New Support]

3 **Resolution urging the City College of San Francisco (CCSF) Board of Trustees and**
4 **administration to utilize Proposition A Funds to preserve the quality and diversity of**
5 **education that has served San Francisco well; and for the City to consider additional**
6 **support for CCSF by evaluating the fees currently charged by the City to CCSF, the**
7 **possibility of providing more in-kind services, and exploring long-term local support**
8 **structures.**

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10 WHEREAS, For the past 78 years, City College of San Francisco (CCSF) has been
11 crucial to the economic and social development of San Francisco and has been widely
12 acknowledged to be one of the best community colleges in the country, providing a rich array
13 of valued programs in nursing, radiology, culinary and hotel management; and

14 WHEREAS, CCSF provides an indispensable education to approximately 85,000
15 students per year, most of whom come from the working class, are people of color, and are
16 from immigrant communities and for whom CCSF represents one of the only options for
17 affordable higher education; and

18 WHEREAS, CCSF has come under scrutiny and sanction by the Accrediting
19 Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and since then class offerings, student
20 support services, faculty and staff, and opportunities for student employment have all been
21 severely cut; and

22 WHEREAS, CCSF has lost over \$53 million in state cuts since 2007; and

23 WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition A in November 2012, by an overwhelming
24 73% of San Francisco voters, will bring in between \$14 million to \$16 million a year to CCSF
25 over each of the next eight years; and

1 WHEREAS, Funds raised though Proposition A can alleviate the cuts that severely
2 limited class offerings, student support services, faculty and staff positions, and opportunities
3 for student employment; and

4 WHEREAS, When a decision must be made between providing services to people and
5 inflating a reserve fund, the scales must tip toward people in need; and

6 WHEREAS, A number of student, faculty, and community groups, as well as the San
7 Francisco Youth Commission, have requested that the City and County of San Francisco
8 examine how it could better support CCSF; and

9 WHEREAS, Quality and affordable public education that provides lifelong learning,
10 workplace and life skills, academic pathways and opportunities, and cultural and personal
11 enrichment is a universally acclaimed human right and essential to San Francisco's economic
12 viability; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the CCSF Board of Trustees and
14 administration to utilize Proposition A funds to preserve the quality and diversity of education
15 that has served San Francisco well; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the City shall consider additional support for CCSF by evaluating the
17 fees currently charged by the City to CCSF, the possibility of providing more in-kind services,
18 and exploring long-term local support structures.

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