

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 as outlined in the language of Proposition**
5 **A to preserve the quality and diversity of education that has served San Francisco well**
6 **and for the City to consider additional support for CCSF by evaluating the fees**
7 **currently charged by the City to CCSF, the possibility of providing more in-kind**
8 **services, and exploring long-term local support 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, The 2012 report of the Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges
19 (ARCC) measured a racial achievement gap at CCSF with significantly fewer African
20 American, Filipino, Latino, and Pacific Islander students completing degrees or certificates or
21 transferring to four-year colleges; and

22 WHEREAS, CCSF is committed as part of its mission to “enhance student success and
23 close equity achievement gaps”; and

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

2 WHEREAS, Class offerings, student support services, faculty and staff, and
3 opportunities for student employment have all been severely cut; and

4 WHEREAS, The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges has
5 made 14 recommendations to CCSF, to which the trustees, Chancellor and faculty have
6 worked hard to address and submitted a comprehensive plan of addressing these
7 recommendations on March 15 ; and

8 WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition A in November 2012, by an overwhelming
9 73% of San Francisco voters, will bring in between \$14 million to \$16 million a year to CCSF
10 over each of the next eight years; and

11 WHEREAS, Funds raised through Proposition A are intended to alleviate the cuts that
12 severely limited class offerings, student support services, faculty and staff positions, and
13 opportunities for student employment; and

14 WHEREAS, As stated in the ballot measure language, Proposition A is to be used to
15 specifically offset budget cuts, prevent layoffs, provide affordable quality education for
16 students, maintain essential courses, and keep college libraries, student support services, and
17 other instructional support open and up to date; and

18 WHEREAS, the Administration and Board of Trustees of City College face many
19 difficult budgetary decisions as the college strives to maintain its accreditation; and

20 WHEREAS, Maintaining an adequate reserve fund as required by the Accrediting
21 Commission is critical to the financial stability of CCSF; and

22 WHEREAS, When a decision must be made between providing services to people and
23 growing a reserve fund, the scales must tip toward people in need; and

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

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

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the CCSF Board of
9 Trustees and administration to utilize Proposition A funds as outlined in the language of
10 Proposition A to preserve the quality and diversity of education that has served San Francisco
11 well; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the CCSF Board of
13 Trustees and administration to prioritize initiatives to close the racial achievement gap and
14 ensure equitable opportunities for educational success; and, be it

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

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