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[Department of Elections]

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS TO WORK WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY TO IDENTIFY WAYS OF INVOLVING STUDENTS IN LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS AND IMPROVE VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS TO ASSIGN A SENIOR STAFF PERSON TO THIS EFFORT.

WHEREAS, Public input is an essential element of our democracy; and WHEREAS. One of the main avenues of public input is through the voting process; and

WHEREAS, Increased voter participation results in a stronger democracy; and WHEREAS. Awareness of the importance of voter participation should be instilled in our citizens not just when they become eligible to vote, but at an early stage an on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District is in a unique position to incorporate voter participation into its curriculum, be it via participation in KidsVote, where students vote alongside their parents during a regular election, or giving students community service credit for taking part in election activities; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State University and the Community College of San Francisco are also uniquely situated to reach out to students on the importance of voting, as well as to provide every opportunity for eligible students to register to vote; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Department of Elections to work with the San Francisco Unified School District, the Community College of San Francisco and San Francisco State University to identify ways of involving students in local, state and federal elections; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the aforementioned parties to improve voter registration opportunities to those students who are eligible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Elections to assign a senior staff person to this effort.



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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Department of Elections to work with the San Francisco Unified School District, the Community College of San Francisco and San Francisco State University to identify ways of involving students in local, state and federal elections and improve voter registration opportunities for those students who are eligible and urging the Department of Elections to assign a senior staff person to this effort.

November 23, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 23, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.