

1 [Opposition to Budget Cuts to Higher Education.]

2  
3 **Resolution urging Governor Schwarzenegger and State Legislators to provide College**  
4 **Access for All Californians by opposing Budget Cuts to Higher Education.**

5  
6 WHEREAS, The State of California Master Plan for Education guarantees college  
7 access for all qualified students; and,

8 WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed 2004-2005 state budget calls for  
9 the elimination of all outreach programs, increased student tuition fees, financial aid  
10 reductions, and enrollment restrictions; and,

11 WHEREAS, UC and the California State University systems offer dozens of outreach  
12 programs, providing everything from tutoring, mentoring and college counseling to intensive  
13 weekend and summer enrichment classes; and,

14 WHEREAS, These outreach programs have helped thousands of students make it to  
15 college each year; and,

16 WHEREAS, Students in the outreach programs completed college entrance  
17 requirements at a rate of more than four times that of their non-participating peers; and,

18 WHEREAS, Both UC and CSU would experience fee increases of 10 percent to  
19 undergraduate fees, 40 percent to graduate fees, and 20 percent surcharge to out-of-state  
20 students; and,

21 WHEREAS, Student fee increases would represent the third fee hike for CSU students  
22 in less than two years; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Governor proposes reducing the maximum allowable income for Cal  
24 Grant recipients by 10 percent and reducing the maximum Cal Grant award for students at  
25 private colleges and universities from \$9,708 per year to \$5,482 per year; and,

1           WHEREAS, Over the last three years, UC's state-funded budget has fallen 14 percent  
2 while its student enrollments, driven by growth in California's college-age population, have  
3 grown 18 percent; and,

4           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors support the importance of higher  
5 education; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges Governor Schwarzenegger  
7 and State Legislators to provide college access for all Californians by opposing budgets cuts  
8 to higher education.

\*\*Supervisor Ma\*\*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**