

1 [California Master Plan for Education.]

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3 **Resolution Calling on the State, the UC Regents, the CSU Board of Trustees, and the**
4 **Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to Recommit to the**
5 **California Master Plan for Higher Education**
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7 WHEREAS, The Master Plan for Higher Education was adopted by the California State
8 legislature in 1960 to guide the development of Public Education in California; and

9 WHEREAS, The Master Plan designed a three-tiered university and college system to
10 offer education to all Californians, consisting of the Community College system, the California
11 State University (CSU) system, and the University of California (UC) system; and

12 WHEREAS, The Master Plan promised a quality education to all Californians who
13 could benefit from one, regardless of income or background; and

14 WHEREAS, The Master Plan was created to ensure California social mobility through
15 the promise of virtually free higher education; and

16 WHEREAS, California's University system has been a remarkable and indispensable
17 producer of economic, intellectual, social, and cultural public goods for California, the Nation,
18 and the World; and ranks as one of the top public university systems in the world; and

19 WHEREAS, The State of California has cut \$3 billion in spending to the 110 community
20 colleges, 23-campus California State University system, and the 10-campus University of
21 California system; and

22 WHEREAS, The cuts in funding to California Public Universities and Colleges not only
23 threaten the world-renowned status of these institutions, but also threaten to destroy the
24 promise of quality public education for all Californians embodied in the Master Plan for Higher
25 Education; and

1 WHEREAS, Since 2000, California State University student fees have risen by
2 approximately 280 percent; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 2001, University of California student fees have risen by more than
4 300 percent; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 19, 2009, the Regents of the University California voted to
6 raise student fees by an additional 32 percent, bringing the total undergraduate tuition to over
7 \$10,000 per year before living expenses; and

8 WHEREAS, On November 19, 2009, the Regents, against their own policy of not
9 raising graduate fees above the fees charged by other public universities, voted to drastically
10 raise Graduate fees on programs ranging from Dentistry to Social Work; and

11 WHEREAS, The University of California has cut courses and services, closed libraries
12 on weekends and cut hours, laid off thousands of workers and teachers, and forced worker
13 furloughs; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2009, California State University fees were increased by around 30
15 percent, with more fee increases planned, along with reducing enrollment by 40,000 students,
16 teacher and worker furloughs, and massive layoffs; and

17 WHEREAS, All the aforementioned actions have had and will have a disproportionately
18 adverse effect on low-income and minority students, workers, and families; and

19 WHEREAS, The 2009 cuts to public education have limited access at a time when a
20 staggering economic recession has created the highest demand on record for higher
21 education; and

22 WHEREAS, The cumulative effect of the dramatic ongoing changes in California's
23 University and College system is the privatization of a public good, thereby dismembering the
24 patrimony of the citizens of California, now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 stand in solidarity with students, workers, and teachers across California's public universities
3 and colleges against fee increases, enrollment reductions, layoffs; furloughs, and course and
4 service cuts; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
6 Francisco call upon the Governor, the Legislature, the UC Regents, the CSU Board of
7 Trustees, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to recommit to
8 the promise of the Master Plan for Higher Education; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That in recommitting to the Master Plan, the State must
10 establish new revenue sources for public higher education, be it through new taxes on oil
11 extraction, increased vehicle license fees, changes in the property tax formula, new federal
12 funds, or any other revenue source that can put California public Universities and Colleges on
13 a sound financial footing as an investment in our common future; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall forward a fully conformed
15 copy of this Resolution to San Francisco's state legislative delegation, the President of the UC
16 Regents, the President of CSU Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of the
17 California Community Colleges.