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President Norman Yee  
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**Re: File # 191261 "City College of San Francisco Operating Support"**

President Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

City College of San Francisco is a vital resource to our community, and plays an integral role in our efforts to make San Francisco a more equitable city for all its residents. I strongly believe we need a strong CCSF system for our residents to access education and thrive in our City.

City College's structural budget shortfall, however, suggests an unwillingness or inability to balance competing priorities that jeopardizes the long-term strength of the institution. The Board of Trustees, elected to oversee CCSF and protect the institution's accreditation, have begun to institute a Corrective Action Plan. The unfortunate midyear elimination of classes is one such effort to ensure the long-term health of City College. This \$2.7 million appropriation directly disincentives the fiscal responsibility that is essential to ensuring CCSF's long-term stability.

We understand that CCSF must continue to evolve and has to make difficult choices to balance their budget. My priority is to approach our City's support of this institution with an equity lens, supporting those students who rely on City College for an education and a path to long-term financial stability. While State funding policy has chosen to prioritize students working towards a four-year degree, San Francisco remains committed to every aspect of community-focused educational institutions. In Fiscal Year 2019-20 alone, San Francisco has already committed over \$21 million to CCSF:

- We support vocational training classes at City College through our CityBuild Academy and other workforce development training programs, providing a clear pathway to well-paying union jobs that are the backbone of our City.
- Together with our colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, we extended Free City into the next decade to increase educational access for all San Franciscans, and last year granted an additional \$5 Million to patch budgetary shortfalls.
- In the wake of the CCSF class cut announcements, we expanded access to recreational programming for older adults through our Dignity Fund program, reinstating many of the classes that our retired residents rely on for community engagement.

Using General Fund Reserve dollars as a band-aid for long-term structural problems does not help City College.

I deeply regret that that our City College students of all ages and backgrounds bear the burden of this fiscal crisis. The long-term interest of the students and the school, however, is tied to the ongoing financial sustainability of the institution. I remain committed to working with our Chancellor and the independently-elected Board of Trustees to ensure that City College of San Francisco can continue to be an essential, stable, and ongoing resource for the students, and that it endures as part of the fabric of San Francisco well into the future.

Given these considerations, I hereby veto this file 191261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "London N. Breed". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

London N. Breed  
Mayor