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1	[Supporting University of San Francisco Workers United During COVID-19]
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3	Resolution supporting USF Workers United, a broad coalition of workers and faculty
4	members at the University of San Francisco, drastically affected by furloughs, cuts in
5	healthcare and employment benefits, and lack of safety protocols during COVID-19.
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7	WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is currently experiencing an
8	outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) which has been deemed a pandemic by the World
9	Health Organization; and
10	WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the San Francisco Health Officer issued a Declaration
11	of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), which was
12	preceded by a March 4, 2020, Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor
13	Gavin Newsom and a February 25, 2020, Proclamation by the Mayor Declaring the Existence
14	of a Local Emergency; and
15	WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the San Francisco Health Officer issued Order
16	No. C19-07, commonly referred to as Shelter in Place, directing all individuals living in the City
17	and County of San Francisco to shelter in place at their residence with limited exceptions; and
18	WHEREAS, The University of San Francisco (USF) Workers United is comprised of a
19	broad coalition of workers standing in solidarity during this pandemic to protect the well-being
20	and future of their workers, faculty and students; and
21	WHEREAS, OPEIU Local 29 represents approximately 6,000 people, who work as
22	office and technical employees at USF; these members have been disproportionately
23	furloughed, which has led to cuts in income while being held accountable to the same work
24	product; and

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1	WHEREAS, SEIU Local 87 represents approximately 4,000 people, and those who
2	work as janitors at USF; and most of the workforce is furloughed; and
3	WHEREAS, Local 2 represents approximately 14,000 people, and those who work in
4	hospitality in USF have been furloughed; and
5	WHEREAS, SEIU USWW represents approximately 40,000 thousand people, and the
6	service workers at USF as well as most of the campus laborers and gardeners are furloughed;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, USF Faculty Association represents the approximately 486 non-law school
9	faculty who work at USF; and have taken salary cuts to prevent layoffs; and
10	WHEREAS, The USF Part Time Faculty Association represents approximately 661
11	adjuncts from the spring 2020 semester and a pool of 1,000+ adjunct faculty who have taught
12	at USF in the last two years, who are currently awaiting a final fall 2020 schedule update to
13	learn if raised class cap sizes, delayed opportunities for sabbatical leave of full-time faculty,
14	and enrollment drops have resulted in loss of employment and subsequent access to
15	healthcare; and
16	WHEREAS, Members of the service worker industry in hospitality and leisure are
17	experiencing an unemployment rate of 28.9%, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, According to the Washington Post, the Black and Latinx communities are
20	disproportionately affected by furloughs, while the White unemployment rate is around 10%,
21	Black and Lantinx unemployment rates are 15.4% and 14.5%, respectively, according to the
22	Bureau of Labor Statistics; and
23	WHEREAS, Employees earning less than \$20 per hour were 115% more likely than
24	those making \$30 an hour or more to be laid off, low-wage workers are six times less likely to
25	be able to work from home than high-income workers; and

1	WHEREAS, Workers who have been partially furloughed and are working reduced
2	hours may not be able to qualify for UI wage replacement, effectively meaning that they are
3	taking a wage cut; and struggling to survive in the Bay Area; and
4	WHEREAS, According to the New York Times, 36,000,000 people filed unemployment
5	claims in a two-month period as a direct result of COVID-19; and
6	WHEREAS, 1,400,000 million people filed for unemployment just last week, the 19th
7	consecutive week of more than a million unemployment applications; and
8	WHEREAS, The Bureau of Economic Analysis confirms back-to-back fiscal quarters of
9	marked economic decline, including a decrease in GDP of more than 32% last quarter, a clear
10	indicator of what the Washington post describes as the "fastest recession in US history;" and
11	WHEREAS, Families all over the nation and within the City and County of San
12	Francisco are detrimentally affected by this recession, and millions of workers have been laid
13	off or furloughed; now, therefore, be it
14	RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to USF
15	Workers United in order to combat the spread of COVID-19 and maintain the health and
16	safety of the service professionals who risk their lives for well-being of others; and, be it
17	FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its
18	commitment to USF Workers United and requests that the University act in good faith to
19	protect the health and safety of all USF communities by prioritizing the following:
20	1) Continue to offer access to affordable health care for USF community members who
21	have been laid off, furloughed, or have lost teaching opportunities because of the
22	pandemic;
23	2) Negotiating with all bargaining units the necessary conditions for a safe return to
24	campus;
25	3) Understanding and observing custodians' recommendations for a safe re-opening;

1	4) Prioritizing the protection of all USF community members, including workers and, of
2	course, students; and, be it
3	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30
4	days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the
5	following people at the University of San Francisco, President: Paul Fitzgerald; Interim
6	Provost: Tyrone H. Cannon; Interim Vice Provost: Pamela Balls Organista; VP Finance:
7	Charlie Cross.
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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: Matt Haney

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