

1 [Supporting Upward Bound Project]
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3 **Resolution in support of the Upward Bound Project and affirming the City's continuing**
4 **need for such a program, urging the University of San Francisco (USF) to use its best**
5 **efforts to maintain the Upward Bound Program on the USF Campus thereby assuring**
6 **that Upward Bound retains its eligibility to receive Federal funds.**
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8 WHEREAS, Since 1964 Upward Bound has been providing low-income students with
9 the tools to succeed in a post-secondary educational institution and is the oldest such federal
10 program assisting individuals from disadvantage backgrounds; and

11 WHEREAS, The program aim of Upward Bound is to prepare disadvantaged students
12 for successful completion of a post-secondary education; and

13 WHEREAS, Upward Bound achieves its aims by helping students develop the skills
14 and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school amongst low-income
15 and potential first generation college students enrolled in grade 9 through 12; and,

16 WHEREAS, On June 1st, 1966 the University of San Francisco (USF) first offered
17 Upward Bound project to 35 San Francisco high school students; and,

18 WHEREAS, Upward Bound has continuously operated since that date on the campus
19 of USF and currently serves 136 participants; and,

20 WHEREAS, The California Department of Education, Educational Demographics unit
21 reports that in San Francisco County, the four-year derived high school drop-out rate among
22 African-American Students is 27.7%; Latinos, 16.4%; Asian/ Pacific-Islander, 14.5% and
23 Caucasians is 10.2%; and,
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1 WHEREAS, From the high school graduating class of 1998 to date, 57.7% of Upward
2 Bound participants have either completed or are still enrolled in a post-secondary degree
3 program; and

4 WHEREAS, The student body of Upward Bound is an inclusive, diverse population
5 including participants identified as gay or transgender, of various nationalities and whose
6 ethnic distribution is: 44% African-American, 30% Latino, 23% Asian-American, and 7%
7 European-American; and

8 WHEREAS, Upward Bound empowers students to realize their full potential as
9 thinking, feeling, and spiritual human beings with the ability to change the world which is in
10 complete harmony with the Jesuit tradition of education and pursuit of knowledge to improve
11 human condition; and

12 WHEREAS, USF, as an Upward Bound host institution and through its offering of the
13 program, its long history and tradition of service, and reputation for academic excellence, has
14 gained increased recognition as a college choice for disadvantaged communities not only of
15 San Francisco, but also throughout the state and the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, On November 18, 2010, USF emailed the Upward Bound program
17 communicating the university's decision to transfer the program to another host institution due
18 to "space constraints and budget restrictions," and prohibiting the continuation of the project
19 on campus; and,

20 WHEREAS, "Transfer" to another host institution requires pre- approval by the United
21 States Department of Education; and

22 WHEREAS, Such an action at this time would place the project in jeopardy of
23 elimination since, to date, no other institution has even been identified much less approved by
24 the Department of Education; and

1 WHEREAS, The Upward Bound and US Army ROTC programs are currently co-
2 located in the same building; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 hereby lauds the success of the Upward Bound Project and affirms the ongoing need for
5 Upward Bound to help students succeed in high-school and beyond; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
7 Francisco urges USF to use its best efforts to find a space to accommodate Upward Bound on
8 the USF Campus in the same manner in which they were able to relocate the US Army ROTC
9 program; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco urges USF, in the finest Jesuit tradition of promoting scholarly excellence, to retain
12 Upward Bound on its campus in order to maintain their Federal funding that they may
13 perpetuate their essential programming serving a diverse population of disadvantaged
14 students.



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Resolution

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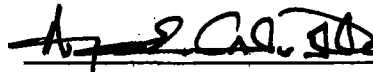
April 12, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED


Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar and Wiener


Absent: 1 - Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/12/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Edwin Lee


Date Approved