

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 540-Affordable higher education for immigrants]

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3 **Resolution urging the State Legislature to adopt Assembly Bill 540 authored by**  
4 **Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh, amending the state Education Code and the**  
5 **Uniform Residency Law which would allow California residents, regardless of**  
6 **citizenship status, financial aid benefits and “resident” fee status for the California**  
7 **Community colleges and the University of California systems.**

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9 WHEREAS, There are a large number of high school students who have lived in this  
10 country for most of their lives, and due to their citizenship status are precluded from obtaining  
11 an affordable college education because they are required to pay nonresident tuition rates,  
12 which are higher than those set for California residents;

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14 WHEREAS, Many of these students and those who desire an education come from  
15 families with varied histories and legal identities, including legal and undocumented citizens;  
16 and,

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18 WHEREAS, Many of these students and parents have contributed through their  
19 contributions and labor to the economic prosperity of this state, and accordingly have  
20 contributed to the vitality of our state universities and their financial assistance programs; and,

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22 WHEREAS, Many of these students have already shown their academic eligibility by  
23 being accepted to these colleges and universities, and unfortunately have had difficulty in  
24 paying high tuition rates; and,

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WHEREAS, A fair tuition policy for all Californians that includes immigrant students will  
increase the state's vitality and economic growth and therefore reinforce the states open and  
inclusive commitment to education for all its residents; and,

1           WHEREAS, Currently, residents who are not naturalized or are not identified as legal  
2 citizens may be admitted to state colleges and universities, but must pay a tuition higher than  
3 those of legal citizens and accordingly many of these students cannot afford such an  
4 education and are unfortunately lead to not pursuing a higher education; and,

5           WHEREAS, These regulations are pursuant to the State Uniform Residency Law which  
6 establishes nonresident rates and rules for admitting legal and non-legal students to state  
7 universities and colleges; and,

8           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 540, authored by Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh  
9 would amend our state Uniform Residency Law to allow long-term California residents  
10 regardless of citizenship lower "resident" fee payments and financial aid benefits, which are  
11 now only given to legal residents of California; and,

12           WHEREAS, AB 540 will extend the bar to incorporate immigrants and provide equal  
13 opportunities for those who seek higher education within California; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
15 hereby urges the California State Legislature to pass and Governor Gray Davis to sign  
16 Assembly Bill 540, authored by Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh; and, be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this legislation be sent to our state  
18 representatives and His Honor the Mayor, with instructions that all actions be taken for the  
19 successful passage of Assembly Bill 540.  
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## Tails Resolution

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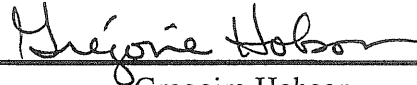
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,  
Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - Hall

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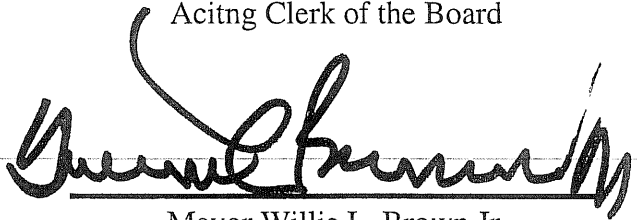
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 13, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gregoire Hobson  
Acting Clerk of the Board

AUG 24 2001

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.