

[Community College Week, November 1-8, 2009]

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Resolution declaring November 1 – 8, 2009 Community College Week and urging the Governor to work together to come up with a budget for 2010-2011 that does not increase student fees and that uses a combination of new revenue generation, delayed payments, and other creative mechanisms in lieu of cuts to education.

WHEREAS, The Student Senate for the California Community Colleges is coming to San Francisco for their fall session November 6, 7, and 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Governor of the California Community Colleges will be holding their November meeting at City College of San Francisco, November 2 and 3, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Community College Week would educate the public, students, and the entire community college community on the importance of a community college education and how community colleges change the lives of their students; and,

WHEREAS, Working together on behalf of all community colleges has proven to be the best advocacy strategy for garnering the necessary support to keep the door open to a high quality, low cost community college education; and,

WHEREAS, Large scale public actions, such as the "March in March" have proven to be an effective tactic to call attention to the importance of California's community colleges, their students, and their programs; and,

WHEREAS, California community colleges are providing post-secondary educational opportunity to more than 2.9 million students at the lowest cost per student of any educational institution in the state; and,

1 WHEREAS, Proposition 98, passed by California voters and now part of the state
2 Constitution, guarantees funding of K-through-12 schools and Community Colleges, and
3 guarantees an annual increase in the funding even in times of economic downturn; and,

4 WHEREAS, The California community colleges continue to keep the door open
5 even though all available State funds have been exhausted because all constituencies have a
6 commitment to providing education opportunity to all adults who can benefit; and,

7 WHEREAS, Fee increases have a disproportionate impact on students on our most
8 economically and educationally disadvantaged populations; and,

9 WHEREAS, The California community colleges are often the only option for students'
10 seeking a higher education as California's public universities raise fees and close doors; and,

11 WHEREAS, The current economic downturn has caused a major increase in both
12 unemployment, and under-employment, lower wages, and drastic cuts to all areas of the
13 California budget, including the community colleges; and,

14 WHEREAS, The economic downturn is expected to continue into next year bringing a
15 new round of even more devastating cuts to the California budget, including the community
16 colleges; and,

17 WHEREAS, People turn to California's community colleges during times of high
18 unemployment to retrain or supplement their skills; and,

19 WHEREAS, California community colleges provide a stimulus to the economy by
20 preparing workers to enter or reenter the workforce; and,

21 WHEREAS, It is fundamentally important that the public, policymakers, students and
22 all constituencies and communities understand what a tremendous resource community
23 colleges are to all adults and how budget cuts are impacting community colleges; and,

24 WHEREAS, California's community colleges are the largest educational system in the
25 world with the vast majority of students being over 18 and eligible to vote; and,

FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO.

1 WHEREAS, Community College Week will highlight that 2.9 million community college
2 students Care, Count, and Vote; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of City and County of San Francisco
4 declare November 1 – 8, 2009 Community College Week; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Governor and the
6 State Legislature to work together to come up with a budget for 2010-2011 that does not
7 increase student fees and that uses a combination of new revenue generation, delayed
8 payments, and other creative mechanisms in lieu of cuts to education.
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October 20, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell,
Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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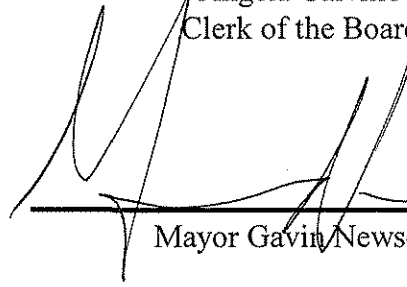
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 20, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

10-29-09

Date Approved



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom