Resolution in support of the Upward Bound Project and affirming the City's continuing need for such a program, urging the University of San Francisco (USF) to use its best efforts to maintain the Upward Bound Program on the USF Campus thereby assuring that Upward Bound retains its eligibility to receive Federal funds.

WHEREAS, Since 1964 Upward Bound has been providing low-income students with the tools to succeed in a post-secondary educational institution and is the oldest such federal program assisting individuals from disadvantage backgrounds; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Such an action at this time would place the project in jeopardy of elimination since, to date, no other institution has even been identified much less approved by the Department of Education; and
WHEREAS, The Upward Bound and US Army ROTC programs are currently co-located in the same building; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

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