[Urging City College of San Francisco to Preserve the Quality and Diversity of the School's Education and the City to Consider New Support]

Resolution urging the City College of San Francisco (CCSF) Board of Trustees and administration to utilize Proposition A funds as outlined in the language of Proposition A to preserve the quality and diversity of education that has served San Francisco well and for the City to consider additional support for CCSF by evaluating the fees currently charged by the City to CCSF, the possibility of providing more in-kind services, and exploring long-term local support structures.

WHEREAS, For the past 78 years, City College of San Francisco (CCSF) has been crucial to the economic and social development of San Francisco and has been widely acknowledged to be one of the best community colleges in the country, providing a rich array of valued programs in nursing, radiology, culinary and hotel management; and

WHEREAS, CCSF provides an indispensable education to approximately 85,000 students per year, most of whom come from the working class, are people of color, and are from immigrant communities and for whom CCSF represents one of the only options for affordable higher education; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 report of the Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges (ARCC) measured a racial achievement gap at CCSF with significantly fewer African American, Filipino, Latino, and Pacific Islander students completing degrees or certificates or transferring to four-year colleges; and

WHEREAS, CCSF is committed as part of its mission to “enhance student success and close equity achievement gaps”; and
WHEREAS, CCSF has lost over $53 million in state cuts since 2007; and
WHEREAS, Class offerings, student support services, faculty and staff, and opportunities for student employment have all been severely cut; and
WHEREAS, The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges has made 14 recommendations to CCSF, to which the trustees, Chancellor and faculty have worked hard to address and submitted a comprehensive plan of addressing these recommendations on March 15; and
WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition A in November 2012, by an overwhelming 73% of San Francisco voters, will bring in between $14 million to $16 million a year to CCSF over each of the next eight years; and
WHEREAS, Funds raised through Proposition A are intended to alleviate the cuts that severely limited class offerings, student support services, faculty and staff positions, and opportunities for student employment; and
WHEREAS, As stated in the ballot measure language, Proposition A is to be used to specifically offset budget cuts, prevent layoffs, provide affordable quality education for students, maintain essential courses, and keep college libraries, student support services, and other instructional support open and up to date; and
WHEREAS, the Administration and Board of Trustees of City College face many difficult budgetary decisions as the college strives to maintain its accreditation; and
WHEREAS, Maintaining an adequate reserve fund as required by the Accrediting Commission is critical to the financial stability of CCSF; and
WHEREAS, When a decision must be made between providing services to people and growing a reserve fund, the scales must tip toward people in need; and
WHEREAS, A number of student, faculty, and community groups, as well as the San Francisco Youth Commission, have requested that the City and County of San Francisco examine how it could better support CCSF; and

WHEREAS, Quality and affordable public education that provides lifelong learning, workplace and life skills, academic pathways and opportunities, and cultural and personal enrichment is a universally acclaimed human right and essential to San Francisco’s economic viability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the CCSF Board of Trustees and administration to utilize Proposition A funds as outlined in the language of Proposition A to preserve the quality and diversity of education that has served San Francisco well; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the CCSF Board of Trustees and administration to prioritize initiatives to close the racial achievement gap and ensure equitable opportunities for educational success; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That among other priorities, the Board of Supervisors shall consider additional support for CCSF by evaluating the fees currently charged by the City to CCSF, the possibility of providing more in-kind services, and exploring long-term local support structures.
Resolution urging the City College of San Francisco (CCSF) Board of Trustees and administration to utilize Proposition A Funds, as outlined in the language of Proposition A, to preserve the quality and diversity of education that has served San Francisco well; and for the City to consider additional support for CCSF by evaluating the fees currently charged by the City to CCSF, the possibility of providing more in-kind services, and exploring long-term local support structures.

April 17, 2013 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

April 17, 2013 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

April 23, 2013 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
   Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

April 23, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
   Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/23/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

May 1, 2013
Date Approved
Date: May 1, 2013

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

[Signature]

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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