[Urging the Administration of City College of San Francisco to Restore Neighborhood Classes Displaced by the Closure of the Civic Center Campus]

Resolution urging the administration of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) to present a construction plan for the seismic retrofitting of the Civic Center campus, located at 750 Eddy Street, so that this campus will reopen as soon as is possible, and further urging that CCSF provide temporary classrooms in the Central City/Tenderloin area for all classes that have been displaced by the decision to close the Civic Center campus in order that the students affected by this decision are able to continue to pursue higher education.

WHEREAS, For the past eighty years, since its founding in 1935, City College of San Francisco 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 academic and vocational programs such as nursing, radiology, culinary and hotel management to many thousands of students per year, most of whom come from working class, people of color, and immigrant communities and for whom CCSF represents one of the only options for an affordable higher education; and

WHEREAS, CCSF is a public community college that offers an affordable higher education to 80,000 students per year, it is vital that CCSF ensure that residents of the Tenderloin, which has one of the lowest average median incomes in San Francisco, not be marginalized; and

WHEREAS, The Civic Center Campus of CCSF, located at 750 Eddy Street, was closed for seismic retrofitting with little notice, and many students were only informed of the closure when they arrived for class; and
WHEREAS, The Civic Center Campus hosts many LGBTQ health and history courses, English as a Second Language courses, which serve San Francisco’s large immigrant community, and computer science courses, which are vital to addressing the digital divide, a problem faced by many low income residents of the Tenderloin; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of low income students have been unable to attend class at a campus located much further away from their homes due to the cost of transit, which has resulted in these students being placed at a significant disadvantage in their hopes of pursuing higher education; and

WHEREAS, The seismic retrofitting of this campus location, while important to the health and safety of CCSF students, should not be undertaken in a manner that harms the educational goals of the students attending CCSF; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the administration of CCSF to meet with community groups in the Tenderloin in order to provide a concrete timeline for the construction plans necessary to seismically retrofit the Civic Center Campus; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges CCSF to restore these services to the Central City community by finding temporary classrooms in the Central City/Tenderloin neighborhood for all classes displaced by this closure, and restore stable access to classes for the students whose educations have been disrupted by this decision.
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March 17, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang and Yee
Excused: 1 - Wiener

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/17/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date: 3/27/15