Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 404, authored by Assembly Member David Chiu, and Assembly Bills 1385 and 1397, authored by Assembly Member Phil Ting, to reform rules and procedures in California's community college accreditation process.

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco is an essential and significant institution serving San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Budget and Legislative Analyst found that City College of San Francisco contributes more than $300,000,000 annually to the Bay Area economy and that jobs attained by its 2011-2012 graduates are valued at an additional $123,000,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, The average median wage for those jobs is $11,100 more than positions requiring a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, The broader social and economic impact the City College of San Francisco has on its students and the community is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, All of the state's community colleges will benefit from a fair and objective accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, A number of governmental agencies, including the United States Department of Education and the California Superior Court have found that the current accreditor for California's community colleges, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), has violated state law and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera brought suit against the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in response to their decision to
terminate City College of San Francisco's accreditation, alleging conflicts of interest within the
accrediting body and misinterpretation of federal policies; and

WHEREAS, The California State Auditor found that a lack of transparency and
incongruent application by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in
the decision process undermines the value of the accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 404 (Chiu) would require the Board of Governors of the
California Community Colleges to solicit anonymous system-wide feedback on the
performance of the regional agency that accredits community colleges and communicate this
feedback to the federal body that oversees and reviews accrediting agencies, the National
Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI); and

WHEREAS, AB 1385 (Ting) would give California's community colleges the right to
approve or reject, by majority vote, the imposition of special assessments by their accreditor
to cover the accreditor's legal expenses; and

WHEREAS, AB 1397 (Ting) would reform aspects of the Community College
accreditation process to bring it into compliance with state and federal laws and regulations
and ensure that fairness, consistency, and transparency guide the manner in which
accreditation procedures are conducted, thereby protecting the interests of community college
students, our community, and the state; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that the City and County of San Francisco supports this
legislation for protecting City College of San Francisco and the educational opportunities it
provides; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bills
404, 1385, and 1397, and urges the Legislature and Governor to enact them.
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April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/21/2015 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

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