Resolution supporting student concerns to giving pouring rights to sugary drink companies at San Francisco State University (SFSU), to urge SFSU to consider minimizing the negative impacts of advertisement and sugary beverages, and to consider healthy beverage guidelines for beverages sold and served on campus.

WHEREAS, Americans are suffering from an epidemic of diet-related diseases, such as diabetes, obesity, and cancer, which are contributing to skyrocketing healthcare costs and a generation of Americans that will be the first in our nation's history with a shorter lifespan than their parents, due in part to the food they drink; and

WHEREAS, Large beverage companies disproportionately target and affect communities of color and, according to San Francisco State University (SFSU) communications, over 70% of the student respondents indicated that they are people of color; and

WHEREAS, The California State University's (CSU) policy and California Education Code establishes the Associated Student Body organizations as “the official representative body of the students of that campus” and that “the presidents will provide these officially recognized student body organizations the opportunity to offer opinions and make recommendations about campus policy and procedures that have or will have an effect upon students;” and

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of SFSU, the representatives of the student body, and the California Faculty Association have passed resolutions against SFSU contracting with major beverage corporations, such as Coca-Cola Co. or Pepsi Co; and
WHEREAS, On June 6, 2015, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously prohibiting the use of City funds for purchasing sugary drinks; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District’s Wellness Policy of 2015 banned drinks containing added sweeteners and further announced that, “Schools shall not invite or contract with any entity and/or individual who wishes to sell, donate, or provide any kind of food or drinks to students,” under the pretense that, “Schools play a critical role in promoting the health and safety of young people and helping them establish lifelong healthy behavior patterns;” and

WHEREAS, The University of California, San Francisco has banned the sale of sugar-sweetened beverages in its onsite cafeterias and food vendors, vending machines, campus catering, and retail locations in an effort to “align the campus food and drink sales with the growing science about the negative impact of excess sugar consumption on health;” now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors fully supports student advocacy for CSU shared-governance, decision-making processes that transparently communicate with the student body, the Associated Students and faculty on all campus policy decisions ensuring awareness and holistic participation in campus matters; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors fully supports student efforts to urge SFSU to reconsider pouring rights contracts with soft drink manufacturers, and to ensure SFSU values and community standards of environmental responsibility, human rights, good health, local empowerment, and shared governance; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to President Leslie E. Wong of SFSU and Chancellor Timothy P. White of the CSU.

Supervisors Mar, Wiener, Cohen, Avalos
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November 17, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/17/2015 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.

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