

1 [Urging State Funding Formula Exemption for City College of San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Community College Board**
4 **of Governors, and Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley to exempt City College of San**
5 **Francisco from the State Funding Formula and recognize its community college status.**
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7 WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco ("City College") was established in 1935
8 and is an essential part of San Francisco, providing affordable or free workforce training and
9 higher education to all San Franciscans; and

10 WHEREAS, City College has consistently offered generations of San Francisco
11 residents, especially those from low-income households, immigrant communities, and
12 communities of color pathways to a living wage, lifelong learning, and advanced college
13 degrees; and

14 WHEREAS, Since the cost of attending California's public four-year universities has
15 become so expensive, more local low-income and middle-income families and students rely
16 on City College and the high quality, affordable higher education, second-career training, and
17 workforce development it provides during these tough times, especially throughout the
18 pandemic; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to offering diverse degree programs and classes, City College
20 is truly a community college, providing mental health and wellness programs, career fairs and
21 training seminars, lifelong learning opportunities, vocational education, English as a Second
22 Language courses, and many resources for all our diverse community needs; and

23 WHEREAS, City College has enjoyed strong support for its community education
24 model from San Francisco residents, who have consistently passed funding measures to
25 support City College, including making City College free for all San Francisco residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Despite this support and California having the fifth largest economy in the
2 world, we continue to face attacks on public education funding, which perpetuates a persistent
3 cycle of poverty in certain communities, despite the state's immense wealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Chronic underfunding of our communities' educational needs hits City
5 College especially hard, forcing cuts of vital programs and offerings, elimination of educational
6 opportunity, lowering enrollment, and leaving students struggling to complete their educational
7 goals; and

8 WHEREAS, The existing community colleges' state funding formula, also known as the
9 Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), focuses on full-time enrollment numbers and
10 does not recognize the critical role that City College plays in the San Francisco community
11 and consequently does not provided City College with the adequate funds to maintain its
12 educational facilities and academic programs, which will be aggravated when the current
13 "Hold Harmless" stability funding expires in Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and

14 WHEREAS, This inadequate funding is further exacerbated by local budgetary actions
15 downsizing City College and cost cutting measures including unnecessary layoffs and deeper
16 cuts to course offerings, negatively impacting the opportunity to higher education and job
17 training for San Francisco residents; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, the SCFF does not adequately account for cost of living
19 expenses, exacerbating inequity in education access for students of color, and those from
20 immigrant and low-income households in high cost areas such as the San Francisco Bay
21 Area; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor Gavin Newsom, the
23 California Community College Board of Governors, and Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley to
24 exempt City College of San Francisco from California's State Funding Formula; and, be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs

1 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the California
2 Community College Board of Governors, and Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley.
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May 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Mandelman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/17/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

05/26/2022

Date Approved

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Date