

1 [Urging the Mayor and the Board to Commend President Obama’s Summer Jobs+]
 2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to officially support and formally**
 3 **commend President Obama’s Summer Jobs+ plan and to develop a similar plan for the youth**
 4 **of San Francisco**

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 6 WHEREAS, President Obama announced a new plan, Summer Jobs+, to address the critical
 7 need for youth employment in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, this initiative is a public private partnership committing to create 180,000 jobs and
 9 internships for low-income youth ages 16-24, in summer 2012 (with the goal of 250,000), and

10 WHEREAS, the central feature of this plan is the Summer + Job Bank, which will have youth
 11 employment listings similarly to the Veterans Job Bank; and

12 WHEREAS, summer jobs have historically been an opportunity for youth to develop crucial job
 13 skills, earn money for college, and provide a responsible and rewarding pastime when school is not in
 14 session; and

15 WHEREAS, only 48.8% of youth this July were employed, the lowest July record since the
 16 Bureau of Labor Statistics began this record in 1948;¹ and

17 WHEREAS, these July employment figures have dropped significantly from 59.2% five years
 18 ago and 63.3% ten years ago; and

19 WHEREAS, youth summer unemployment disproportionately affects minority youth, with just
 20 34.6% of African American and 42.9% of Hispanic working this July; and

21 WHEREAS, all things being equal, year spent unemployed under the age of 23 will reduce a
 22 young man’s earnings even 10 years later by 23%, a young woman’s by 16% (The Economist), and²

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 24 ¹ The United States Department of Labor <http://www.dol.gov/summerjobs/> Bureau of Labor Statistics
<http://bls.gov/news.release/youth.nr0.htm>

25 ² "The Jobless Young: Left behind | The Economist." *The Economist*. 10 Sept. 2011. Web. 05 Jan. 2012.
 <<http://www.economist.com/node/21528614>>.

1 WHEREAS, some research has pointed to unemployed youth being more likely to use drugs or
2 commit property crimes (The Economist); now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to
4 officially support and formally commend President Obama’s Summer Jobs+ plan and to develop a
5 similar plan for the youth of San Francisco, as to spark a strong work ethic in San Francisco’s young
6 people, while setting up the city and county for a successful future.

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