

1 [Urging opposition to Governor Brown's proposal to raise the Cal Grant threshold]

2 **RESOLUTION URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE**  
3 **MAYOR TO OPPOSE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN'S 2012-2013 BUDGET**  
4 **PROPOSAL THAT WOULD RAISE THE BAR FOR "CAL GRANT" FINANCIAL AID**

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6 WHEREAS, Cal-Grants are scholarships funded by the State of California, and a small  
7 portion from the Federal Government, used to help students pay for their college tuition and  
8 fees; and,

9 WHEREAS, Cal-Grants can be used at any California State University, California  
10 Community College, University of California, and other colleges that qualify in California; and,

11 WHEREAS, There were approximately 329,300 Cal-Grant recipients and a total of  
12 \$1,294,553,000 granted as of 2010-11;<sup>1</sup> and,

13 WHEREAS, In the City and County of San Francisco, around 7,115 students were  
14 granted a total of \$34,425,000 in Cal-Grants for the 2010-2011 school year; and,

15 WHEREAS, Participation in the Cal Grant program and costs have increased since  
16 2004 from 177,000 students to about 256,000 students and \$688 million to \$1.6 billion in the  
17 upcoming year;<sup>2</sup> and,

18 WHEREAS, Governor Brown's proposed budget for 2012-2013 includes a reduction in  
19 funding for the Cal Grant program by \$131.2 million, which will be achieved by increasing the  
20 minimum GPA requirement for Cal Grant in the following way: for Cal Grant A from 3.0 to  
21 3.25; for Cal Grant B from 2.0 to 2.75; and for Cal Grant C from 2.4 to 2.75, which will make it  
22 harder for students to qualify; and,

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25 <sup>1</sup> [http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt\\_frm/2010-11\\_calgrantsbycalegislativeidistrict.pdf](http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/2010-11_calgrantsbycalegislativeidistrict.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/jan/15/local/la-me-cal-grant-20120115>

1           WHEREAS, This cut would also take away the chance of many students, especially  
2 those from low-income families, to attend their top-choice school, due to financial issues; and,

3           WHEREAS, About 26,600 prospective UC, Cal State and community college students  
4 would be affected by this change in the 2012-13 academic year; and,

5           WHEREAS, Since the deadline for financial aid applications is March 2nd, 2012 and  
6 the state budget won't be finalized by summer, this is problematic for many high school  
7 seniors, since they are supposed to finalize their college of choice by May 1st, 2012; and,

8           WHEREAS, Students who are ignorant about this proposal will be very likely to choose  
9 to attend a college they may not be able to afford if this proposal passes; and,

10           WHEREAS, Since this proposal makes it harder for students to be eligible for Cal  
11 Grant, many students who are already under the achievement gap would be more likely to  
12 drop out of college and attempt to find jobs, causing unemployment rates to increase and  
13 creating higher demands for unemployment benefits; and, now therefore let it be

14           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Honorable San  
15 Francisco Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to oppose California Governor Jerry Brown's  
16 proposed 2012-2013 budget proposal which would raise the bar for Cal Grant financial aid;  
17 and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution shall be delivered to the California  
19 Governor, Jerry Brown; the Lieutenant Governor; Gavin Newsom; and the California State  
20 legislature.

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