

1 [Evaluating credit recovery programs at SFUSD]

2 **A resolution to urge the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education to evaluate the**  
3 **quality and accessibility of credit recovery programs.**

4 WHEREAS, “The mission of the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) is to provide  
5 each student with an equal opportunity to succeed by promoting intellectual growth, creativity, self-  
6 discipline, cultural and linguistic sensitivity, democratic responsibility, economic competence, and  
7 physical and mental health so that each student can achieve his or her maximum potential;”<sup>1</sup> and

8 WHEREAS, The SFUSD further states that, “Every student who enrolls in our schools will  
9 graduate from high school ready for college and careers and equipped with the skills, capacities, and  
10 dispositions necessary for 21<sup>st</sup> century success;” and

11 WHEREAS, Students must be educated in a rigorous high school curriculum in order to be  
12 successful in today’s economy and society; and

13 WHEREAS, The future of San Francisco depends on having an educated workforce and  
14 citizenry to maintain the vitality of the city; and

15 WHEREAS, In accordance with their mission statement, in December 2008, the SFUSD raised  
16 their graduation A-G requirements;<sup>2</sup> and

17 WHEREAS, A-G courses are the high school classes necessary for students to take and pass  
18 to be able to enroll in any University of California or California State University school; and

19 WHEREAS, The previous graduation requirements did not fully prepare students for college, it  
20 was possible to graduate and pass and not to be eligible for admission to UCs and CSUs; and

21 WHEREAS, The Class of 2014 is the first class to go through high school under the new A-G  
22 requirements; and

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24 <sup>1</sup> “Mission Statement” *SFUSD: Overview*. San Francisco Unified School District, n.d. Web Accessed December  
25 5, 2012, <http://www.sfusd.edu/en/about-sfusd/overview.html>.

<sup>2</sup> San Francisco Unified School District A-G Implementation Plan FAQ. Accessed December 5, 2012.  
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/assets/sfusd-staff/curriculum-and-standards/files/a-g-implementation-faq.pdf>.

1 WHEREAS, Recently released data from the SFUSD shows that almost half of students are  
2 not on track to graduate, with 45% of students not on track to graduate and be eligible for UCs and  
3 CSUs (cite School District's report to the Select Committee October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012); and

4 WHEREAS, Credit recovery programs are defined as programs that "aim to help schools  
5 graduate more students by giving students who have fallen behind a chance to 'recover' credits  
6 through a multitude of different strategies" ([http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-](http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-Menu/Staffingstudents/Credit-recovery-programs)  
7 [Menu/Staffingstudents/Credit-recovery-programs](http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-Menu/Staffingstudents/Credit-recovery-programs)), thus increasing the rate of high school graduates  
8 and their future opportunities; and

9 WHEREAS, Budget cuts in recent years have reduced the amount of funding given to recovery  
10 programs, including summer school, severely impacting the amount of opportunities students have to  
11 get back on track to graduating if they miss or fail a class; and

12 WHEREAS, There are currently, many online credit recovery opportunities for students in the  
13 SFUSD, including CyberHigh, Aventa, and OdysseyWare (cite report to the Curriculum and  
14 Construction Committee on 9/10/12); and

15 WHEREAS, It is imperative that we prioritize current credit recovery programs for students who  
16 are not on track to graduate; and

17 WHEREAS, An evaluation of current credit recovery programs offered would be beneficial; and  
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission and the Student Advisory Council urge  
20 the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the SFUSD to evaluate current credit recovery  
21 programs offered with youth feedback to improve the quality and accessibility of these aforementioned  
22 programs; and be it finally

23 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission and the Student Advisory Council urge  
24 the continued communication between the city of San Francisco, the SFUSD, and community based  
25 organizations regarding student achievement and the reduction of the achievement gap.

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