

1 [Urging the SFUSD and City & County to Assist Undocumented Students File for Deferred Action]
 2 **Urging the SFUSD to create a Centralized Database and Facilitating the Application Process for**
 3 **Students that Are Eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and**
 4 **Urging the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to work together with the SFUSD to support our**
 5 **undocumented students and transitionally aged youth.**

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 7 WHEREAS, On June 15, 2012, the Obama administration via the Department of Homeland
 8 Security (DHS), announced the implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which began
 9 on August 15, 2012¹; and

10 WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals is a program that allows for the
 11 discretionary determination to defer removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion
 12 in addition to providing potential eligibility for employment authorization for youth under the age of 31
 13 as of June 15, 2012²; and

14 WHEREAS, The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program offers “deferred action” to
 15 immigrants who were brought to the United States as children and who meet other specific
 16 requirements as indicated on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website³; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the Immigration Policy Center, roughly 936,930 immigrants between
 18 the ages of 15 and 30 might immediately meet the requirements of the deferred action initiative, with
 19 California leading with 412,560 potentially qualified youth and adults, followed by Texas (226,700),
 20 Florida (85,750), New York (70,170), and Illinois (67,460)⁴; and

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 23 ¹ <http://www.dhs.gov/blog/2012/08/15/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-who-can-be-considered>

24 ² <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnnextchannel=3a4db4b04499310VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextoid=3a4dbc4b04499310VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD>

25 ³ <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=f2ef2f19470f7310VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=f2ef2f19470f7310VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD>

⁴ http://laschoolboard.org/sites/default/files/09-11-12RevisedOB_0.pdf

1 WHEREAS, On August 28, 2012, the San Francisco Unified School District expressed support
 2 for the Deferred Action program based on Resolution No. 128-28A3 titled In Support of the
 3 “Consideration of Deferred Deportation for Childhood Arrivals” Program and Encouraging SFUSD to
 4 Volunteer to Assist Our Students at the Mission High School’s Deferred Action Forum⁵; and

5 WHEREAS, To apply for Deferred Action, there are multiple lengthy forms that are necessary
 6 to fill out, which require a summation of \$465 in application fees⁶; and

7 WHEREAS, The necessary requirements of the DACA application include providing proof of:
 8 enrollment in school, graduation from high school or have obtained a general education development
 9 (GED) certificate, entrance to the country prior to 16 years of age, residency in the country for
 10 continuous 5 years prior to June 15, 2012, and present in the country on June 15, 2012⁷; and

11 WHEREAS, Notarios operating in Spanish-speaking communities hiding under the guise of
 12 travel agencies, translation services and other businesses are offering to help undocumented
 13 immigrants navigate the process of applying for relief under the Obama program, but can charge hefty
 14 fees for services that are unnecessary or that they are not legally authorized to provide⁸; and

15 WHEREAS, On September 17th, The Los Angeles Unified School District implemented a
 16 centralized process to help provide verification to those individuals who are applying for Deferred
 17 Action for Childhood Arrivals⁹; and

18 WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Unified School District Students Record Center has created a
 19 webpage dedicated to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, in which it explicitly states that there is
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21 ⁵ [www.sfusd.edu/en/assets/sfusd-staff/about-SFUSD/files/resolutions/Maufas%20Deferred%20Action%20MHS%208%2028%2012_final%20clean%20copy%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.sfusd.edu/en/assets/sfusd-staff/about-SFUSD/files/resolutions/Maufas%20Deferred%20Action%20MHS%208%2028%2012_final%20clean%20copy%20(2).pdf)

22 ⁶ <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=05faf6c546129310VgnVCM10000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=db029c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD>

23 ⁷ <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=f2ef2f19470f7310VgnVCM10000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=f2ef2f19470f7310VgnVCM10000082ca60aRCRD>

24 ⁸ <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/14/13280541-undocumented-immigrants-are-warned-of-scammers-as-new-obama-policy-takes-effect?lite>

25 ⁹ http://lausd.edliotest.com/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=262597&id=0

1 no cost to obtain documentation such as transcripts, which are necessary to apply for the program¹⁰;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District transcript office currently charges a fee
4 of \$5.00 for adults attempting to acquire official transcripts, and there are no application instructions or
5 service referrals on the official SFUSD website for youth and adults, who are former SFUSD students,
6 interested in applying for the DACA program¹¹; and

7 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 12H.1 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, the City and
8 County of San Francisco is a City and County of Refuge¹², which prohibits City employees from
9 helping Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with immigration investigations or arrests unless
10 such help is required by federal or state law or a warrant¹³; and

11 WHEREAS, Undocumented youth have historically faced barriers in accessing employment,
12 scholarships, loans, state and federal services, and other opportunities; and

13 WHEREAS, As per Charter SEC. 4.124, the Youth Commission is committed to identifying and
14 proposing solutions to meet the “unmet needs” of the youth population in San Francisco, and ensuring
15 that the city’s potential eligible applicants for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals are informed and
16 have access to relevant information on applications, processes, resources and legal assistance is an
17 unmet need; and

18 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) and
19 the Department of Children, Youth, & Their Families (DCYF) adopted a memorandum of
20 understanding (MOU) agreeing to work collaboratively to inform and assist the city’s potential
21 applicants for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; and

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24 ¹⁰ <http://transcripts.lausd.net/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals>

25 ¹¹ <http://www.sfusd.edu/en/services/transcripts.html>

¹² http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=amlegal:sanfrancisco_ca

¹³ <http://sfgsa.org/index.aspx?page=1067>

1 WHEREAS, This aforementioned MOU established a grants program to fund community-based
2 organization providing legal services, cultural and linguistically competent application assistance,
3 outreach and education, and other services to eligible applicants for DACA; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Unified
5 School District to support the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs in publicizing and
6 connecting eligible SFUSD students with the OCEIA and DCYF grant funded legal services and
7 application assistance services for DACA; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
9 Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the San Francisco Unified School District to create a
10 centralized process such as that of the Los Angeles Unified School District to streamline the process
11 for San Francisco youth and adults applying for the DACA program; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
13 Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the Transcript Office of the San Francisco Unified School
14 District to waive all fees associated with obtaining documentation for Deferred Action in light of the
15 \$465 in application fees, and also to explicitly provide said information on its website; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
17 Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to work together with the San Francisco Unified School District to
18 do whatever possible to support our undocumented students and transitionally aged youth.

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