

1 [Urging Support of Senate Bill 8 and its Mission of Prioritizing Students]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to formally support Senate Bill 8**
3 **and its mission of prioritizing students.**

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5 WHEREAS, The mission of the University of California begins, “The distinctive mission of the
6 University is to serve society as a center of higher learning, providing long-term societal benefits
7 through transmitting advanced knowledge, discovering new knowledge, and functioning as an active
8 working repository of organized knowledge...¹ and;

9 WHEREAS, The mission of the California State University includes, “To advance and extend
10 knowledge, learning, and culture, especially throughout California, to provide opportunities for
11 individuals to develop intellectually, personally, and professionally, to prepare significant numbers of
12 educated, responsible people to contribute to California’s schools, economy, culture, and future, to
13 encourage and provide access to an excellent education to all who are prepared for and wish to
14 participate in collegiate study...², and;

15 WHEREAS, At the center of both public 4 year university systems in California is broad access
16 to education and the advancement of knowledge, and;

17 WHEREAS, Every step must be taken to ensure both quality and affordability in order for public
18 education to each of these goals, and;

19 WHEREAS, In times of budget crisis, public universities should prioritize keeping tuition and
20 fees affordable for students, and;

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24 ¹ "About UC." *University of California About Us Mission Statement*. University of California, n.d. Web. 30 Jan. 2013. <<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/aboutuc/missionstatement.html>>.

25 ² "The Mission of the California State University." *CSU Public Affairs The Mission of the California State University*. The California State University, n.d. Web. 30 Jan. 2013. <<http://www.calstate.edu/PA/info/mission.shtml>>.

1 WHEREAS, Recently incoming UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks will receive a salary of
2 over \$486,0000, a 10% increase from the previous chancellor³, and;

3 WHEREAS, He additionally received moving expenses, a \$30,000 bonus, housing, and an
4 auto allowance⁴, and;

5 WHEREAS, \$50,000 of this came from UC Berkeley's foundation funds, which could have
6 been used for student scholarships, and;

7 WHEREAS, UC tuition has steadily increased in recent years, and;

8 WHEREAS, as voiced by the UC Student Association spokesperson, Darius Kemp, "The
9 system cannot be seen as increasing student tuition regularly and then also doling out pay increases
10 to executive officers.", and;

11 WHEREAS, State Senator Leland Yee has introduced SB 8 to address this issue by freezing
12 UC/CSU executive pay when student fees are being increased or there are significant budgetary
13 problems⁵, and;

14 WHEREAS, A similar bill, SB 967, was defeated in the legislature last year, and;

15 WHEREAS, In 2009 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed Senator Yee's previous bill on
16 this issue, SB 86, and

17 WHEREAS, The role of the Youth Commission, according to section 4.124 of the San
18 Francisco City Charter is to identify the unmet needs of children and youth in San Francisco; now,
19 therefore, be it

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22 ³ "PolitiCal." *UC Executive Pay Raise Sparks Another Bill to Restrict Such Hikes*. Los Angeles Times, 5 Dec.
23 2012. Web. 30 Jan. 2013. <[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/california-politics/2012/12/uc-berkeley-chancellor-](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/california-politics/2012/12/uc-berkeley-chancellor-pay-raise-senate-bill-ban-leland-yee.html)
24 [pay-raise-senate-bill-ban-leland-yee.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/california-politics/2012/12/uc-berkeley-chancellor-pay-raise-senate-bill-ban-leland-yee.html)>.

25 ⁴ "Senator Yee Introduces Bill to Freeze UC/CSU Executive Pay." *Home*. California State Senate, 4 Dec. 2012.
Web. 30 Jan. 2013. <[http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/news/2012-12-04-senator-yee-introduces-bill-freeze-uccsu-](http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/news/2012-12-04-senator-yee-introduces-bill-freeze-uccsu-executive-pay)
[executive-pay](http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/news/2012-12-04-senator-yee-introduces-bill-freeze-uccsu-executive-pay)>.

⁵ "Senator Yee Introduces Bill to Freeze UC/CSU Executive Pay." *Home*. California State Senate, 4 Dec. 2012.
Web. 30 Jan. 2013. <[http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/news/2012-12-04-senator-yee-introduces-bill-freeze-uccsu-](http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/news/2012-12-04-senator-yee-introduces-bill-freeze-uccsu-executive-pay)
[executive-pay](http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/news/2012-12-04-senator-yee-introduces-bill-freeze-uccsu-executive-pay)>.

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission considers affordable public education
2 an unmet need in our community; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of
4 Supervisors to formally support SB 8 and its mission of prioritizing students.

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