

1 [Urging the SFUSD and City & County to Assist Undocumented Students File for Deferred Action]
 2 **Urging the SFUSD to create a Centralized Process 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 (DACA),
 9 which began on August 15, 2012;¹ and

10 WHEREAS, DACA is a program that allows for the discretionary determination to defer removal
 11 action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion in addition to providing potential eligibility
 12 for employment authorization for youth under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;² and

13 WHEREAS, The DACA program offers “deferred action” to undocumented youth who were
 14 brought to the United States as children and who meet other specific requirements as indicated on the
 15 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website;³ and

16 WHEREAS, According to the Immigration Policy Center, roughly 936,930 immigrants between
 17 the ages of 15 and 30 might immediately meet the requirements of the deferred action initiative, with

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 21 ¹ "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals: Who Can Be Considered?" *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals: Who Can Be Considered?* Department of Homeland Security, 15 Aug. 2012. Web. 11 Feb. 2013.<

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

22 ²"Frequently Asked Questions." *USCIS - Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process*. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 18 Jan. 2013. Web. 11 Feb. 2013.<

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

24 ³"Frequently Asked Questions." *USCIS - Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process*. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 18 Jan. 2013. Web. 11 Feb. 2013.<

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1 California leading with 412,560 potentially qualified youth and adults, followed by Texas (226,700),
 2 Florida (85,750), New York (70,170), and Illinois (67,460);⁴ and

3 WHEREAS, On August 28, 2012, the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD)
 4 expressed support for DACA based on Resolution No. 128-28A3 titled In Support of the “Consideration
 5 of Deferred Deportation for Childhood Arrivals” Program and Encouraging SFUSD to Volunteer to
 6 Assist Our Students at the Mission High School’s Deferred Action Forum;⁵ and

7 WHEREAS, To apply for DACA, there are multiple lengthy forms that are necessary to fill out,
 8 which require a summation of \$465 in application fees;⁶ and

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

13 WHEREAS, Requesting an official school transcript is necessary to prove a person’s
 14 educational history and current residency in the country; and

15 WHEREAS, Due to the arduous application process, many undocumented youth and families
 16 seek resources and legal counsel for assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, Law enforcement and legal officials have sent out warnings against scammers as
 18 so-called “notarios” are operating in Spanish-speaking communities hiding under the guise of travel

19 ⁴ Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles Resolution “Support for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals,”
 20 adopted September 11, 2012. < http://laschoolboard.org/sites/default/files/09-11-12RevisedOB_0.pdf>.

21 ⁵ San Francisco Board of Education Resolution No. 128-28A3 “In Support of the ‘Consideration of Deferred
 22 Deportation for Childhood Arrivals’ Program and Encouraging SFUSD to Volunteer to Assist All Our Students at
 23 the Mission High School’s Deferred Action Forum,” adopted August 28, 2012.

24 ⁶ I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals." USCIS - Consideration of Deferred Action for
 25 Childhood Arrivals. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 14 Aug. 2012. Web. 11 Feb. 2013.<

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

27 ⁷ “Frequently Asked Questions." USCIS - Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process. U.S.
 28 Citizenship and Immigration Services, 18 Jan. 2013. Web. 11 Feb. 2013

29 <<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnnextchannel=3a4dbc4b04499310VgnVCM10000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextoid=3a4dbc4b04499310VgnVCM10000082ca60aRCRD>> .

1 agencies, translation services and other businesses are offering to help undocumented immigrants
 2 navigate the process of applying for relief under the Obama program, but can charge hefty fees for
 3 services that are unnecessary or that they are not legally authorized to provide;⁸ and

4 WHEREAS, On September 17th, The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
 5 implemented a centralized process to help provide verification to current and former students who are
 6 applying for DACA;⁹ and

7 WHEREAS, The LAUSD Students Record Center has created a webpage dedicated to DACA,
 8 in which it explicitly states that there is no cost to obtain documentation such as transcripts, which are
 9 necessary to apply for the program;¹⁰ and

10 WHEREAS, The LAUSD has already helped thousands of DACA eligible students apply for
 11 deferred action through this effective, streamlined process for requesting official transcripts; and

12 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 12H.1 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, the City and
 13 County of San Francisco is a City and County of Refuge,¹¹ which prohibits City employees from
 14 helping Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with immigration investigations or arrests unless
 15 such help is required by federal or state law or a warrant;¹² and

16 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA)
 17 and the Department of Children, Youth, & Their Families (DCYF) adopted a memorandum of
 18 understanding (MOU) in Fall 2012 agreeing to work collaboratively to inform and assist the city's
 19 potential applicants for DACA; and

21 ⁸ Eng, James. "Undocumented Immigrants Are Warned of Scammers as New Obama Policy Takes Effect." *U.S. News on NBC News*. NBC News, 14 Aug. 2012. Web. 11 Feb. 2013.

22 ⁹"DACA - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Update." *Los Angeles Unified School District - District News*.
 Los Angeles Unified School District, n.d. Web. 11 Feb. 2013. <
 23 http://lausd.edltest.com/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=262597&id=0 >.

24 ¹⁰ "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals." *Student Records Center - About Us*. Los Angeles Unified School
 District, n.d. Web. 11 Feb. 2013. <<http://transcripts.lausd.net/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals> >.

25 ¹¹ San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter §12H.1

¹² "Sanctuary Ordinance." *City and County of San Francisco* .: N.p., n.d. Web. 11 Feb. 2013.
 <<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; and

4 WHEREAS, The SFUSD transcript office currently charges a fee of \$5.00 for adults attempting
5 to acquire official transcripts, and there are no application instructions or service referrals on the official
6 SFUSD website for youth and adults, who are former SFUSD students, interested in applying for the
7 DACA program;¹³ and

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

10 WHEREAS, Ensuring that the city's potential eligible youth for deferred action are informed and
11 have access to relevant information on applications, processes, resources and legal assistance during
12 the DACA application process is a worthwhile goal; 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

15 WHEREAS, The Student Advisory Council (SAC) is committed to providing a voice for students
16 of the SFUSD; and

17 WHEREAS, Members of the San Francisco Youth Commission and the Student Advisory
18 Council have been working together on writing this resolution in an ad-hoc working group and plan to
19 adopt similar resolutions to help support DACA eligible students; and

20 WHEREAS, Members of this working group have been in contact with staff at OCEIA and the
21 Special Assistant to the Superintendent at the SFUSD to begin the conversation on building a
22 webpage on the SFUSD website that would support DACA eligible students; now, therefore, be it
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25 ¹³"Transcripts." *SFUSD: Transcripts*. San Francisco Unified School District, n.d. Web. 11 Feb. 2013.
<<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/services/transcripts.html>>.

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the SFUSD to support the
2 OCEIA in publicizing and connecting eligible SFUSD students with the OCEIA and DCYF grant funded
3 legal services and application assistance services for DACA; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the SFUSD to create a
5 centralized process such as that of the LAUSD to streamline the process for San Francisco youth and
6 adults applying for the DACA program; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Transcript Office of the
8 SFUSD to waive all fees associated with obtaining documentation for DACA in light of the \$465 in
9 application fees, and also to explicitly provide said information on its website; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Board of
11 Supervisors and the Mayor to work together with the SFUSD to do whatever possible to support our
12 undocumented students and transitionally aged youth.

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