

1 [Commending Lowell High School Black Student Union]

2 **Resolution Commending Lowell High School's Black Student Union for their courage,**
3 **excellence, and leadership in speaking out against the discrimination experienced by the**
4 **school's African American students.**

5 WHEREAS, Lowell High School is a nationally recognized and revered public institution for its
6 academic rigor and excellence, and

7 WHEREAS, the African American population at Lowell has been historically underrepresented,
8 never exceeding three percent for the past fifteen years, even though African Americans make up
9 fifteen percent of the current San Francisco Unified School District population, and

10 WHEREAS, a recently conducted "Lowell Senior Pop Polls" survey included a derogatory
11 category of recognition titled "Most Ratchet" until the Lowell Senior Class Board removed it due to
12 complaints from parents of African American students, and

13 WHEREAS, recently the school's African American students witnessed, for a week, an
14 unpermitted display case which depicted racist photos, ridiculing Black History Month, located
15 alongside the school's main entrance hallway, and

16 WHEREAS, Lowell's Black Student Union, in response to the above incidents and numerous
17 other insensitive situations in their daily lives at school, dedicated their time and energy to compile a
18 list of demands aimed at improving the experience of all African Americans at Lowell, and

19 WHEREAS, co-president Tsia Nicole, co-president Jackie Scott and vice-president Chrislyn
20 Earle led the Black Student Union to take action and encouraged their supporters to do the same, and

21 WHEREAS, Lowell's Black Student Union organized a walkout on behalf of Lowell's African
22 American students to raise awareness about the microaggressions and cultural insensitivity that
23 African American students experience, and

24 WHEREAS, they submitted their demands to the Lowell High School administration and San
25 Francisco Unified School District in an effort to galvanize real change at school, and

Commissioners Stephanie Li, Giovanna Soto, Luis Avalos-Nuñez, and Cris Plunkett
SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

1 WHEREAS, Lowell’s Black Student Union found the courage to speak up about the unfair
2 treatment they faced despite having done so before and having been ignored; now therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, that the 2015-2016 San Francisco Youth Commission does hereby honor and
4 commend Lowell High School’s Black Student Union for their exceptional leadership and bravery in
5 standing up and demanding better treatment of African Americans at Lowell, and be it further
6 RESOLVED, the Youth Commission supports and applauds Lowell’s African American
7 students for continuing to excel in all aspects of their lives and for continuing to strive towards systemic
8 improvements in their communities.

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