

1 [Urging the Mayor and the Board to Commend President Obama's Summer Jobs+ Plan]
2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to officially support and formally**
3 **commend President Obama's Summer Jobs+ plan and to develop a similar plan for the youth**
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, President Obama announced a new plan, Summer Jobs+, to address the critical
7 need for youth employment in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, This initiative is a public private partnership committed to creating 180,000 jobs
9 and internships for low-income youth ages 16-24 in the summer of 2012 (with the goal of 250,000),
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The majority of San Francisco's youth want a job during the summer,¹ and

12 WHEREAS, 91% of San Francisco's young people want a job either during the school year,
13 summer, or year-round,² and

14 WHEREAS, The central feature of this plan is the Summer+ Job Bank, which will have youth
15 employment listings similar to the Veterans Job Bank; and

16 WHEREAS, Summer jobs have historically been an opportunity for youth to develop crucial job
17 skills, earn money for college, and provide a responsible and rewarding pastime when school is not in
18 session; and

19 WHEREAS, Only 48.8% of youth this July were employed, the lowest July record since the
20 Bureau of Labor Statistics began this record in 1948;³ and

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23 ¹ "Fall 2011 Student Survey -Youth Employment." *San Francisco Youth Empowerment Fund*. Youth Vote. Web. 09 Jan.
24 2012. <http://www.yefsf.org/F11survey_youthemployment.html>.

24 ² Ibid.

25 ³ The United States Department of Labor <http://www.dol.gov/summerjobs/> Bureau of Labor Statistics
<http://bls.gov/news.release/youth.nr0.htm>

1 WHEREAS, These July employment figures have dropped significantly from 59.2% five years
2 ago and 63.3% ten years ago; and

3 WHEREAS, Youth summer unemployment disproportionately affects minority youth, with just
4 34.6% of African American and 42.9% of Hispanic youth working this July; and

5 WHEREAS, All things being equal, a year spent unemployed under the age of 23 will reduce a
6 young man's earnings even 10 years later by 23%, and a young woman's by 16%;⁴ and

7 WHEREAS, Some research has pointed to unemployed youth being more likely to use drugs or
8 commit property crimes; now, therefore, be it

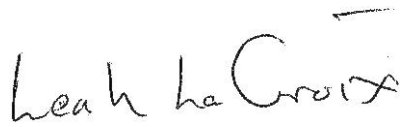
9 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to
10 officially support and formally commend President Obama's Summer Jobs+ plan and to develop a
11 similar plan calling on businesses to commit to hiring, mentoring, or training San Francisco youth—
12 particularly in the Transitional Aged Youth population of 16-24 year-olds with barriers to employment—
13 so as to spark a strong work ethic in San Francisco's young people, while setting up the city and
14 county for a successful future.

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⁴ "The Jobless Young: Left behind | The Economist." *The Economist*. 10 Sept. 2011. Web. 05 Jan. 2012.
<<http://www.economist.com/node/21528614>>.