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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Recently incoming UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks will receive a salary of

over $486,000, a 10% increase from the previous chancellor; and
WHEREAS, He additionally received moving expenses, a $30,000 bonus, housing, and an
two allowance; and
WHEREAS, $50,000 of this came from UC Berkeley’s foundation funds, which could have
been used for student scholarships; and
WHEREAS, UC tuition has steadily increased in recent years; and
WHEREAS, As voiced by the UC Student Association spokesperson, Darius Kemp, “The
system cannot be seen as increasing student tuition regularly and then also doling out pay increases
to executive officers”; and
WHEREAS, State Senator Leland Yee has introduced Senate Bill 8 to address this issue by
freezing UC/CSU executive pay when student fees are being increased or there are significant
budgetary problems; and
WHEREAS, A similar bill, SB 967, was defeated in the legislature last year; and
WHEREAS, In 2009 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed Senator Yee’s previous bill on
this issue, SB 86; and
WHEREAS, The role of the Youth Commission, according to section 4.124 of the San
Francisco City Charter is to identify the unmet needs of children and youth in San Francisco; now,
therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission considers affordable public education
an unmet need in our community; and, be it further

Commissioner Shackelford
SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

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

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