

1 [Supporting the San Francisco State University College of Ethnic Studies]**2 Supplemental Information:**

3 On February 24, 2016, the Associated Student Inc. at San Francisco State University adopted a
4 resolution in support of the College of Ethic Studies. The resolution calls attention to the unique history
5 and positive impact the college has had on the students of San Francisco State University since it was
6 created. The first college of its kind, the college of ethnic studies at SFSU was created as a result of
7 the organizing efforts of 1968 coalition of students of color and other organizations in response to the
8 widespread racism and discrimination on campus on the campus at the time as well as the lack of
9 culturally sensitive and culturally relevant course offered.

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11 The resolution also brings attention to the increasing number of budget cuts experienced by the
12 college, most notably occurring in 2008. Since then, the college has experienced an overall 15%
13 budget cut in least 7 years (2008 - 2015). In early 2016, the College of Ethnic Studies has been
14 targeted by the SFSU Administration for another round of devastating budget cuts. If the \$500,000 of
15 proposed cuts are made, it will effectively decimate the College. Positions for lecturers, programs like
16 the Cesar Chavez Policy Institute, and over 40 % of courses will completely disappear.

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18 As the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are in a unique position to support the future of our
19 minority-majority state, California. As 2042 nears, the year when census experts predict that non-
20 whites will outnumber whites in this country, we need more understanding of our cultures, differences
21 and similarities, not less. Ethnic Studies curriculum provides the coursework and research to
22 understand all our collective histories, better understand our present, and the possible implications for
23 our future.

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1 As the San Francisco Youth Commission, we stand in solidarity with those organizing to keep the
2 College of Ethnic Studies in existence. We urge the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to stand with
3 those who make up the San Francisco State University's College of Ethnic Studies, against the
4 proposed budget cut that would ultimately decimate the college and its rich legacy, and we urge that
5 the Board of Supervisors adopt a formal resolution on the matter.

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