

1 [Schools and Communities First]

2 **Resolution to support the mission of Schools & Communities First, an**  
3 **organization whose mission is to reclaim over 12 billion dollars for schools and**  
4 **communities across California.**

5 WHEREAS, Schools across the state of California have overcrowded classrooms  
6 and some of the worst ratios of counselors, librarians, and nurses per student; and

7 WHEREAS, Large corporations are to blame for these issues that schools face  
8 throughout the state as they find loopholes to avoid paying property taxes; and

9 WHEREAS, As large corporations avoid paying taxes that can be used for school  
10 funding, the local tax revenue per person has experienced a steady decline since 1978  
11 despite years of economic growth; and

12 WHEREAS, However, by reforming the commercial property tax system, 12  
13 billion dollars could be reclaimed, with 60% allocated to local governments and 40% to  
14 public education, with priority given to the most underresourced schools; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the vision of Schools & Communities First, the highest-value  
16 properties will pay the most in taxes, exempting small business owners and all  
17 commercial property owners whose property is less than 3 million in value from the  
18 ballot measure; and

19 WHEREAS, Provided that the constitutional amendment proposed by the  
20 California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act passes, there will be annual  
21 public reports on how funds are distributed and spent to hold elected officials  
22 accountable; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission will support the mission  
2 of Schools & Communities First to ensure that schools and local governments receive  
3 proper funding; and be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That large corporations must pay the necessary  
5 property taxes to support students and youth across the state.