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Resolution to Sustain and Fully Fund Free City

Whereas, in April 2016, the San Francisco Labor Council adopted unanimous support of its “Resolution for Free City and the Educational Access San Franciscans Deserve” to make City College of San Francisco free and accessible for SF residents and workers—like it was before 1984; and

Whereas, the SFLC, as a core participant in the Free City Coalition and Committee for Prop W: Fair Share for Free City College and Stronger SF Services, obtained overwhelming support at the SF Board of Supervisors and then significant new revenues for San Francisco by passing Proposition W, enthusiastically approved by the voters; and

Whereas, since its launch in fall 2017, Free City has made college education accessible for thousands of students, despite being substantially underfunded with only a small percentage of funds, the equivalent of approximately 20% of Prop W revenues, committed to the program; and

Whereas, if the City makes no new commitment to fund Free City and continue the program long-term, this wildly successful “pilot program” will expire in 2019 after the summer session;

Therefore, be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council continue its organizing and support for Free City in order to assure the program’s long-term success, sustainability, and full funding, including communicating this strong support to San Francisco elected officials.

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Respectfully,

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