Resolution in Support of Struggle at City College

Whereas, Prop A was passed by 73% of the voters in San Francisco; and

Whereas, the funds generated from Prop A are supposed to be used to prevent cuts to programs, classes and services and prevent layoffs; and

Whereas, the City College administration has declared that it intends to set aside the Prop A funds to put into the reserves; and

Whereas, the CCSF administration has refused to engage in good-faith bargaining with AFT 2121, SEIU 1021 and the DCC (Department Chairs Council); and

Whereas, the CCSF administration has failed to open the books to provide transparency in fiscal matters; and

Whereas, the district has unilaterally imposed pay cuts, workload speed-ups, and furlough days; and

Whereas, the district plans to do away with the democratically elected department chair structure which also threatens the diversity departments; and

Whereas, the district has cut classes, laid off adjunct faculty, and failed to manage enrollment to the point of losing millions of dollars in enrollment based state funding; and

Whereas, college control has been taken away from the voter-elected Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, the accreditation process is being used to impose austerity measures that include the layoffs of more than 35 classified staff and 50 part-time teachers and counselors; and

Whereas, the district is wasting money on ineffective overpaid consultants,

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council stands in solidarity with AFT 2121, the CCSF faculty, classified staff, students and community groups who are determined to maintain a community college that will continue to serve all the people of San Francisco and treat its employees fairly and with dignity, maintain democratic participation in the form of shared governance, maintain courses that include lifelong learning, life skills, and cultural enrichment and maintain an accessible City College open to all, and Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council urge the City College administration to honor the collective bargaining agreements, to bargain in good faith, and to use the Proposition A funds as the voters intended; and
Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council publicly call on the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to ensure that Prop A funds be used as specified in the Prop A ballot measure.

Be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council will help mobilize support for this struggle by publicizing through e-mails, flyers and whatever other means are available announcements of activities such as the March 14 mass mobilization at City Hall called by the Save City College Coalition and urge all its members to join in the struggle, and send out informational pieces that inform people of the facts of the case.


Respectfully,

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