Resolution in Support of the Annual March in March and Making Defense of Community Colleges a Key Demand of the March

Whereas, the March in March over the years has mobilized thousands of students, teachers and campus staff throughout the state to converge in Sacramento to demand funding for higher education and other concerns; and

Whereas, in the past few years, the Student Success Initiative has been used as the rationale for downsizing and privatizing community colleges; and

Whereas, the ACCJC has used the Student Success Initiative, exaggerated administrative deficiencies, and violated its own rules and California statutes in an attempt to revoke City College of San Francisco’s accreditation; and

Whereas, the State Chancellor’s Office and the Board of Governors that has replaced the democratically elected CCSF Board of Trustees with a specially appointed Trustee with Extraordinary Powers; and

Whereas, the Special Trustee has led the way for programs, classes and student services to be cut at CCSF and sabotaged efforts to maintain enrollment; and

Whereas, the State Chancellor’s Office and the Board of Governors have sided with the now discredited ACCJC to change the mission of CCSF so that it will no longer be an inclusive school that meets the needs of San Francisco’s diverse residents; and

Whereas, AFT 2121 and the Save CCSF coalition have been successful in exposing the corporate agenda to privatize community colleges and to downsize them so that they no longer effectively serve the historic populations of immigrants, seniors, veterans, people of color, women, queers, and the unemployed, poor, working class, disabled, and disenfranchised; and

Whereas, public demonstrations have proven to be key in mobilizing public opinion about the importance of higher education for all residents,

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council support defense of community colleges against downsizing and privatization as a key demand of the 2014 March in March, and encourage its members to get involved in the organizing for the March and

Be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council send copies of this resolution to its affiliates and the California Federation of Labor to encourage these bodies to support the March in March.


Respectfully,

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