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Resolution of SFLC to Restore All Older Adult Classes to CCSF

Whereas on November 19, 2019, City College of San Francisco (CCSF) suddenly cut 288 spring classes wiping out nearly all the classes in its Older Adults Program; and

Whereas CCSF Older Adults Program serves many of San Francisco's seniors and adults with disabilities who rely on these classes to keep them active and connected to the community; and

Whereas Mayor London Breed and supervisors Norman Yee, Catherine Stefani, Ahsha Safai, Aaron Peskin and Rafael Mandelman on December 30th, announced a funding plan to restore only 17 of the 50 Older Adult classes; and

Whereas restoring only 34% of the Older Adult classes is a mere band-aid instead of the long-term sustainable solution that is needed; and

Whereas the community groups who previously hosted the classes in partnerships with CCSF will now be solely responsible for the administration of these classes, including hiring instructors, creating curriculum, and managing enrollment; and

Whereas it is unlikely that the curriculum will be comparable to the classes CCSF developed and offered over the past many years; and

Whereas it is unlikely that the laid-off community college instructors will be rehired, and even if they are, it is unlikely that they will be covered by a union contract; and

Whereas removing classes from a public higher education institution and giving city funding to private institutions to offer them is problematic public policy that essentially privatizes essential services; and

Whereas the City of San Francisco has the opportunity to support City College to restore all of the Older Adult classes by supporting a new city ordinance; and

Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council urges the CCSF Board of Trustees to direct the Office of Instruction to immediately restore all of the CCSF classes cancelled on November 19, 2019; and

Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council urge the CCSF Office of Instruction and Office of Marketing and Public Information to engage in immediate and mass efforts to make the public aware that the cancelled classes have been restored, through an announcement on the electronic marquee at

Ocean and Frida Kahlo Way, a social media campaign, ads at movie theaters and in neighborhood newspapers, and a renewed distribution of hard copies of the Time Schedule to libraries, bookstores, and community organizations; and

Be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council urge all stakeholders to engage in a collaborative process to create a strategy for long-term sustainable solutions that ensure CCSF remains the vital institution that serves all the diverse communities of San Francisco.

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