

## [PROPOSED] SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL RESOLUTION – SUPPORT FOR CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco (CCSF) is among the highest rated community colleges in the nation and serves the Bay Area with distinction by providing a valuable and much needed resource for San Franciscans at every stage of life and from every neighborhood – enrolling nearly 90,000 students in both for-credit and noncredit courses each year, making available the only affordable path to educational and economic opportunity for many students, a path that is especially critical for students of color, immigrant students and economically disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, CCSF plays a critical role for the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council and its affiliates in that many of our state-certified apprenticeship programs partner with City College to provide essential technical and classroom instruction to our apprentices in order that our members will obtain a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical aspect of their work in the building trades; and

WHEREAS, CCSF plays a further important role in supporting the Building Trades Council's longstanding partnership with the City and County of San Francisco's CityBuild Academy by providing classrooms, instructors, and hands-on construction experience at CCSF's Evans Street Campus to CityBuild participants seeking to enter our apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS, in July 2013 the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) issued a notice that CCSF will lose its accreditation effective July 2014 despite significant progress by City College administrators, faculty and staff to address serious administrative, financial and governance challenges facing the College since the ACCJC issued a notice to "show cause" regarding de-accreditation in July 2012; and

WHEREAS, the California Federation of Teachers and other labor organizations, community groups, and public officials have raised serious and well-documented claims about the ACCJC's lack of fairness, accountability, transparency and integrity in its relations with many California community colleges, including CCSF, and the US Department of Education determined in an August 13, 2013 letter to the ACCJC that the ACCJC's accreditation review process does not meet DOE criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies; and

WHEREAS, the de-accreditation of CCSF and its resulting closure would have a severe detrimental impact on the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, many of our affiliates' state-certified apprenticeship programs and San Francisco's CityBuild Academy, as well as on City College students, faculty, staff, administration and working families across the Bay Area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council expresses its strong support for City College of San Francisco and its deep concern and outrage regarding the ACCJC's decision to terminate City College's accreditation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council calls on all San Francisco elected officials to do everything in their power to ensure that CCSF remains open and continues to provide the rich variety of classes and programs that the Building Trades Council, its affiliates, and indeed all San Franciscans have come to expect by 1) supporting the efforts of City College administrators, faculty, and staff to address the remaining serious administrative, financial and governance challenges facing the College, 2) supporting any and all efforts to determine whether ACCJC has taken any wrongful action with respect to its proposed de-accreditation of CCSF, and 3) working to secure the additional financial resources that will be necessary to support and sustain City College as CCSF supporters fight to keep its doors open; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council will submit this resolution to the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California for its concurrence and action.

Introduced by Laborers Union Local 261 at the SFBCTC Board of Business Representatives, October 22, 2013