

1 [Schools and Communities First]

2 **Resolution supporting the mission of Schools & Communities First, an**
3 **organization whose mission is to reform California Proposition 13 to fairly tax**
4 **corporations and generate over 12 billion dollars for schools and communities**
5 **across California.**

6 WHEREAS, Schools across the state of California have overcrowded classrooms
7 and some of the worst ratios of counselors, librarians, and nurses per student in the
8 nation; and

9 WHEREAS, California Proposition 13 has permitted major commercial and
10 industrial properties to avoid reassessment, allowing large corporations to avoid paying
11 adequate taxes for public education and community needs, leading to the
12 aforementioned issues that schools face throughout the state; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the passage of California Proposition 13 in 1978, which
14 restricted revenue from all property taxes, school funding in California has experienced
15 severe limitations in what was once the main source of funding for schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Under the vision of Schools and Communities First, a community-
17 driven movement by Evolve California to reform the current commercial property tax
18 system, 12 billion dollars could be collected in revenue, with 60% allocated to local
19 governments and 40% to public education, via California Proposition 13 reform; and

20 WHEREAS, The highest-value commercial properties will pay the most in taxes,
21 exempting small business owners and all commercial property owners whose property
22 is less than 3 million in value from the ballot measure, and priority funding given to the
23 most under-resourced schools in California; and

1 WHEREAS, Provided that the constitutional amendment proposed by the
2 Schools and Communities First movement is implemented, there will be annual public
3 reports on how funds are distributed and spent to hold elected officials accountable;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission will support the mission
6 of Schools and Communities First to ensure that public schools and local governments
7 receive proper funding; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
9 Mayor and Board of Supervisors to publicly support the Schools and Communities First
10 mission; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff will
12 distribute a letter of support for the Schools and Communities First to all relevant bodies
13 and government officials.