

House Resolution

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Members Ting and Ammiano

May 19, 2014

House Resolution No. 41—Relative to the City College of San Francisco.

1 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco, founded in
2 1935, is a long-running and established entity in the San Francisco
3 Bay area; and

4 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is the largest
5 community college district with a student enrollment of
6 approximately 80,000 students in 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco gives individuals
8 who lack English language skills the ability to learn English to
9 gain employment and participate and contribute to the economy;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is the first stop
12 for many recent immigrants to take naturalization courses to
13 integrate into the broader society; and

14 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco provides a
15 pathway to career and participation in the California dream for
16 thousands of people each year; and

17 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is a valuable
18 tool in maintaining the middle class in the City and County of San
19 Francisco by being one of the few resources low-income students
20 can utilize to climb the economic ladder; and

21 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is an important
22 resource that provides opportunities for low-income students to

1 gain job skills and adults to obtain their graduate equivalency
2 diplomas; and

3 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco offers over 50
4 educational programs and more than 100 work training courses
5 and specializes in training the future workforce of the City and
6 County of San Francisco in the hospitality, culinary, automotive,
7 and construction industries; and

8 WHEREAS, California's Student Success Score Card, a
9 performance measurement system created by the Board of
10 Governors of the California Community Colleges to track student
11 success at all community colleges in California, shows that the
12 City College of San Francisco has a higher percentage of students
13 who transfer to a four-year university or earn a vocational
14 certificate than the statewide average; and

15 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco is a major job
16 creator in the City and County of San Francisco, employing about
17 1,500 faculty members; and

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analyst
19 has found that the City College of San Francisco generates well
20 over \$300 million in economic activity every year; and

21 WHEREAS, In July 2012, the Accrediting Commission for
22 Community and Junior Colleges sanctioned the City College of
23 San Francisco with a 'show cause' order, which required the
24 college to remedy issues identified by the commission; and

25 WHEREAS, On July 31, 2014, the Accrediting Commission
26 for Community and Junior Colleges will determine the
27 accreditation status of the City College of San Francisco; and

28 WHEREAS, Since the 'show cause' order issued in 2012, the
29 City College of San Francisco has made substantial progress in
30 remedying the issues identified by the commission; and

31 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco has hired a
32 permanent chancellor, chief financial officer, chief counsel, and
33 chief instructional officer, and filled other leadership positions;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco has met nearly
36 85 percent of the 350 objectives laid out by the Accrediting
37 Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to maintain its
38 accreditation but is not likely to meet them all by July 31, 2014,
39 when the fate of its accreditation will be determined; and

1 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco has asked for
2 an extension of time to allow them to fully address the issues
3 identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and
4 Junior Colleges but the commissioners have declined the request
5 stating that federal law prevented them from granting an extension;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education
8 recently stated that the Accrediting Commission for Community
9 and Junior Colleges has the flexibility to give the City College of
10 San Francisco additional time to remedy all outstanding issues
11 without jeopardizing the commission's standing with the
12 department; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
14 Assembly urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and
15 Junior Colleges to consider the progress the City College of San
16 Francisco has made and, as necessary, provide the college with
17 additional time to continue solving problems and keep its
18 accreditation intact; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
20 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.