

Subject: Resolution No. 34-8A5

**In Support of Principles for a Balanced Solution to
the California Budget Crisis**

- Commissioners Eric Mar, Mark Sanchez, and Sarah Lipson

WHEREAS: For generations, California's state and local governments have helped working people and families build better lives for themselves and their children. We believe that all Californians should still have that opportunity to achieve their dream of a better future with access to health care, safe homes, roads, and neighborhoods, and a reliable infrastructure that supports economic growth. Children and youth deserve quality early childhood development programs, public schools, community colleges, and universities. Seniors should have programs that allow them to live and age with dignity; and

WHEREAS: The current efforts to address the state's \$34.8 billion deficit with deep cuts to services and transportation will cause great harm to all Californians; and

WHEREAS: These cuts would reverse the significant progress we have made in California in improving our schools and basic infrastructure, providing health care to more people, and beginning to shape an effective system of long-term care on which all of us can depend; and

WHEREAS: The state would cause permanent damage to these essential services by shifting fiscal responsibility to the counties. Counties do not have the ability to raise the revenues needed to keep up with the growing demand for these essential services over time; and

WHEREAS: Spending caps will lock us into a permanent budget crisis and condemn all Californians to a dismal future; and

WHEREAS: The cuts to important state and local services harm the basic infrastructure of our state and are not good for business.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District supports a balanced solution for a just budget that fairly spreads the burden of cuts and increased revenues at the State level. A balanced solution includes at least a dollar in new tax revenues for every dollar in cuts to services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District rejects the "realignment" of high-growth health and human services including long-term care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District is opposed to any new spending caps that permanently ratchet down funding for education, health care, infrastructure investment and other important public services and never allow them to recover when times are good.

4/8/03

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Please Note:

- Referred to the Budget and Business Services and the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committees on 4/8/03 by order of the Chair.
- Taken up by the Rules Committee on 4/17/03. Forward, as amended, to the Board with a positive recommendation from Committee.
- Taken up by the Budget Committee on 5/8/03. New language *in italics, bold, and underscored.* Forwarded, in substitute form, to the Board of Education with a positive recommendation from Committee.
- Adopted on May 13, 2003.

