

Subject: Resolution No. 210-8A4

The Right to Public Higher Education in California

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WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education is dedicated to increasing higher education opportunities for our students and all students in California; and

WHEREAS: The language of the proposed 2002 California Master Plan for Education eliminates the guarantee of admission to the top one-eighth (12.5%) and one-third (33.3%) of the state's high school graduates for the University of California and California State University (CSU) systems respectively, which has existed as a fundamental right since 1960 and was codified into the Master Plan in 1989; and

WHEREAS: The University of California itself has asked the *Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan* for Education of the state legislature to restore the entitlement, and to hold a public hearing on the Master Plan in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS: The number and percentage of under-represented minorities at UC Berkeley has declined significantly since 1997.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District calls on the state legislature to put the following 1989 Master Plan language back into the 2002 proposed Master Plan: "The University of California shall guarantee admission to every student who ranks among the top one-eighth of all California public high school graduates. The California State University shall guarantee admission to every student who ranks among the top third of all California high school graduates," and to do what is necessary to secure the resources to maintain this entitlement, and that we call on the University of California to maintain its historic pledge to admit the top one-eighth (12.5%) of graduating high school students and on the California State University to maintain its historic pledge to admit the top one-third (33.3%) of graduating high school students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education calls on the UC Berkeley administration to reverse the drop in under-represented minority enrollment at UC Berkeley with greatly expanded recruitment, admissions, and retention efforts; and

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District will send a copy of this resolution to members of the Legislative Joint Committee on the Master Plan and to local state legislators calling upon them to hold a public hearing in the Bay Area before the next legislative session begins in January 2003.

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