

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EQUITABLE SERVICES AND STAFF FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

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WHEREAS, It is the mission of the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to provide all students with quality instruction and the equitable support required to thrive in the 21st century, and yet SFUSD has documented its struggle to provide Black/African American students with the academic foundation necessary to successfully pursue postsecondary educational opportunities, which has resulted in Black/African American students remaining under-enrolled at City College of San Francisco (CCSF) where they make up 1% of the student body; and

WHEREAS, SFUSD has established the VASA High School Pathway program for juniors and seniors in a two-course certificate program at CCSF to support Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, providing a replicable model to help establish a higher education pipeline for other underrepresented students; and

WHEREAS, A dual enrollment program for African American Studies would fulfill major requirements for an Associates of Arts degree providing a pathway for transfer to a four-year university or vocational/technical trade while also receiving credit towards high school graduation requirements—the program would also provide a connection to African American cultural resources, mentorship opportunities with other African American students, educators, professionals, and community leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party supports SFUSDs efforts to bolster education equity and urges: (1) the creation of the African American Studies Higher Education Certificate Pathway in collaboration with CCSF African American Studies Department; CCSF UMOJA/African American Scholastic Programs; SFUSD African American Achievement & Leadership Initiative; and SFUSD College and Career Readiness; (2) dedicated space for African American student-community partnerships; and (3) to bolster efforts to recruit more African American teachers and mentors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the San Francisco Unified School District, SFUSD Superintendent Dr. Matt Wayne, San Francisco Board of Education Members, and the City College Board of Trustees.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany
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