TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor

Subject: SPECIAL
The San Francisco College District Board of Trustees supports same-sex marriages and hereby commends Mayor Gavin Newsom for his courageous actions related to same-sex marriages
(Resolution No: 040224-S10)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

WHEREAS: There are many friends and supporters in the struggle for Human and Civil Rights, but few heroes, and
WHEREAS: Elected officials are sometimes guided by polls instead of what is right for the right reasons, and
WHEREAS: Newly elected Mayor Gavin Newsom has taken a bold and courageous step in challenging state laws defining marriage as between a man and a woman as violating the state constitution’s guarantee of equal protection, and
WHEREAS: Within the last week, a number of District staff, faculty and administrators were finally afforded the opportunity to celebrate their relationships in marriage under the dome of City Hall, and
WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees recognizes that there are staff, faculty and administrators who have been in loving and committed same-sex relationships, and that some of these relationships have lasted over ten, twenty and thirty years;

RECOMMENDATION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees supports same-sex marriages and applauds Mayor Gavin Newsom’s efforts to provide equal rights and protections to same-sex couples, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees congratulates those District same-sex couples, as well as other same-sex couples, who recently celebrated their relationships with a marriage ceremony under the dome of City Hall

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