DATE: August 28, 2003

TO: Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: GENERAL FUND

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Resolution No. 030828-S10)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Many of San Francisco's Public Schools are in need of repair. The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) is presently at a crossroads in its history. The same economic downturn that has adversely affected City College of San Francisco has also cannibalized resources for capital improvements in our local school district. As a result, learning environments for the children of San Francisco are quickly deteriorating, further jeopardizing the readiness of these children to advance.

The San Francisco Unified School District is asking voters to approve a bond for $295 million in November 2003 to begin the repair work required on our aging schools. Under the direction of Superintendent Dr. Arlene Ackerman, SFUSD has created a master plan for public school facilities. The bond funds will address much needed accessibility and health, safety, and quality improvements throughout the District, thereby contributing significantly to an improved environment for learning for all children enrolled. It has been six years since San Franciscans have been asked to approve a general obligation bond measure for the District.

City College of San Francisco has a long-standing relationship with the Unified School District. The two districts have collaborated on two local ballot initiatives and enjoy innumerable partnerships around the city. The reality is that SFUSD and CCSF represent the backbone of educational opportunities in the City and County of San Francisco and, accordingly, play a major role in the future development of the City, the quality of life for all its citizens, and the success of students enrolled in our K-12 systems.
SHARED GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

Yes;__No X__; If yes, which committee: __________________________
Date of Review: __________________________
(A Negative Response indicates that a Review is not necessary)

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and Board of Education have determined that certain properties and facilities within the San Francisco Unified School District, City and County of San Francisco, need to be constructed and improved and certain equipment purchased to enable SFUSD to enhance the educational opportunities of the students in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, some of the oldest and most beautiful schools in the state are right here in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, our beautiful old schools are in need of repair after almost two decades of minimal state funding; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Unified School District is asking voters to approve a General Obligation Bond for $295 million in November 2003; and

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District, it is in the best interest of the City to provide the funding for such needs by means of various sources, including general obligation bonds; and

RECOMMENDATION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District will proudly endorse a General Obligation Bond in support of the San Francisco Unified School District.

Trustee Johnnie L. Carter, Jr., Originator
Trustee Dr. Natalie Berg, Originator
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