TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Lawrence Wong, Vice-President, Board of Trustees
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SUBJECT: SPECIAL
Support of H.R. 333 (Wu) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize grants for institutions of higher education serving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
(Resolution No. 030227-S4)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For many years the federal Title III program has provided designated funds to help higher educational institutions that serve the educationally disadvantaged. One effort to achieve the goal of increasing access and the quality of services to this population has been to grant special financial awards to colleges and universities with a high percentage of African American, Hispanic, and Native American students. H.R. 333 authored by Representative David Wu of Oregon seeks to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include institutions of higher education that serve a high proportion of Asian American and Pacific Islander students.

Because Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, like all minorities in the United States, have had to overcome many hurdles in order to gain a higher education, H.R. 333 would go a long way to help guarantee that the educational needs of these students will be met. Specifically, H.R. 333 would provide grants to institutions of higher education serving a high proportion of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to assist them in planning, developing, undertaking and carrying out activities to improve and expand their capacity to serve these specific student populations.
RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco support the passage of H.R. 333 (Wu).

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco urge U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Congressman Tom Lantos to both support and co-sponsor H.R. 333 (Wu).

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco request that Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer sponsor similar legislation in the U.S. Senate.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco authorizes Chancellor Philip R. Day or his designee to engage in any and all activities directed to achieving the goals of this resolution.