Honorable Governing Board of the
San Francisco Community College District

Subject: Board Resolution No. 961121 - S6
Authorizing the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus to develop partnership with INS and “Citizenship USA” to designate the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus as full-service Citizenship Centers offering a full range of services to immigrants, including but not limited to citizenship preparation, on-site testing, and swearing in ceremonies.

Presidents and Members:

WHEREAS, the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus are in the heart of communities that have contributed to the history of a diverse San Francisco;

WHEREAS, the Citizenship Programs at the Chinatown/North Beach and Mission Campuses successfully prepare students to pass the Naturalization Examination and to pursue other educational and vocational goals;

WHEREAS, ESL/Citizenship classes have been offered for a number of years at the Chinatown/North Beach and Mission Campuses and have steadily grown to meet community needs and student demands and currently serve more that 1,500 Citizenship students each semester;

WHEREAS, the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus will be offering Citizenship classes during the winter intersession to provide continuity in studies and to meet the increased demand for Citizenship classes;

WHEREAS, the Chinatown/North Beach Campuses and the Mission campus have established working relationships with community-based organizations, the Asian Community Immigration Clinic and La Raza Centro Legal, in providing free assistance in the completion of forms for Naturalization and the petitioning family members;

WHEREAS, the Chinatown/North Beach and the Mission campus have been actively involved in issues of Naturalization such as the Green Card replacement Program;

WHEREAS, the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus have participated in meetings with INS and have received ongoing support from Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi’s Office to resolve issues connected to the naturalization process;
WHEREAS, the Chinatown/North Beach Campus has developed a bilingual Citizenship text that has been used for many years and has established a Citizenship Lab with its own resource library of materials;

WHEREAS, the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus have been approved as ETS Testing Sites for the New Citizens Project;

WHEREAS, The Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus actively educate students in responsible citizenship through their forums for candidates and issues and through their ongoing emphasis on voter registration and education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees authorizes the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus to develop partnerships with INS and “Citizenship USA” to designate the Chinatown/North Beach Campus and the Mission Campus as full-service Citizenship Centers offering a full range of services to immigrants, including but not limited to Citizenship preparation, on-site testing, and swearing in ceremonies.

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