Honorable Board of Trustees of the  
San Francisco Community College District

Subject: Resolution No. 970918-B4  
Establishing the appropriations limit for 1997-98 pursuant  
to Government Code Section 7910 at $119,378,144.

President and Members:

The California electorate on November 6, 1979 approved Proposition 4  
(Gann Initiative), which added Article XIII B to the State Constitution to place  
various appropriation limitations on the fiscal powers of state and local  
government, commonly referred to as the “Gann Limit”.

Simply stated the appropriations limit for the succeeding year is the  
appropriations limit for the base year adjusted for inflation and change in  
population. For a community college district, inflation is the lesser of the change  
in cost-of-living or California per capita personal income and change in  
population is the percentage change in the district’s FTES.

During the 1989 State Legislative Session a number of refinements  
were enacted to implement Proposition 98 to include special purpose  
apportionments within the Gann Limit and to exclude any unreimbursed court or  
federal mandates imposed on or after November 6, 1979.

Government Code Section 7910 reads as follows:

“Each year the governing body of each local jurisdiction shall, by  
resolution, establish its appropriations limit and make other necessary  
determinations for the following fiscal year pursuant to Article XIII B at a regularly  
scheduled meeting or noticed special meeting. Fifteen days prior to the meeting  
documentation used in the determination of the appropriations limit and other  
necessary determinations shall be available to the public. The determinations  
made pursuant to this section are legislative acts. Any judicial action or  
proceeding to attach, review, set aside, void, or annul the action of the governing  
body taken pursuant to this section for the 1980-81 fiscal year shall be  
commenced within 60 days of the effective date of the resolution or the effective  
date of the act which added this section to the Government Code, whichever  
date is later. For the 1981-82 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, any  
judicial action or proceeding to attach, review, set aside, void, or annul the action  
of the governing body taken pursuant to this section shall be commenced within  
45 days of the effective date of the resolution. All courts wherein such actions  
are or may be hereafter pending, including any court reviewing such action on  
appeal from the decision of a lower court, shall give such actions preference over  
all other civil actions therein, in the manner of setting the same for hearing or trial
and in hearing the same to the end that all such actions shall be quickly heard and determined”.

The State Chancellor’s Office notified us by memorandum dated May 16, 1997 that the Department of Finance has determined that the applicable price factor to be used in setting the 1997-98 appropriation limit is: California per capita personal income: 4.67%.

A worksheet setting forth the derivation of the appropriations limit is available for public inspection at the district Business Office, Budget Section, 33 Gough Street, San Francisco, pursuant to Government Code Sections 7908 and 7910.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

RESOLVED: That the Governing Board pursuant to Government Code Sections 7908 and 7910 (Gann Limit), establishes the SFCCD appropriations limit for the fiscal year 1997-98 at $119,378,144.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That supporting documentation has been made available to the public for its review and that any action to set aside or annul this action pursuant to Government Code Section 7910 must be filed with the Secretary of the Governing Board within 45 days of the adoption of this resolution.

Recommended for adoption:

Del M. Anderson
Chancellor

Originator: James Kendrix