Resolution adopted by the AFT 2121 Delegate Assembly on September 22, 2009 in support of the fight against State and Local budget cuts and for the restoration of funding to public education and social services

Whereas community colleges are facing unprecedented cuts in funding owing to political gridlock in Sacramento and the failure of the State Government to adequately fund education and other social services;

Whereas these cuts are dramatically impacting City College of San Francisco, threatening much needed programs and services of our students and our communities, and the jobs and livelihoods of faculty and support staff who provide them, and

Therefore be it resolved that AFT 2121 vows to organize against these cuts and for a solution that will restore funding from the State and at CCSF, actively joining efforts consistent with this purpose as follows:

1) Join coalitions of students, education unions and other public employees, social service and health care employees and advocates, labor councils, and others;
2) Support political initiatives to reform the anti-democratic 2/3 majority requirements for approving our State budget or raising new revenues (taxes);
3) Take action in concert with major CFT locals and other forces to demonstrate to the public the depth of the crisis and its impact on education and CCSF;
4) Provide a voice for CCSF faculty against the layoff of our unit members;
5) Demonstrate to the CCSF Board of Trustees at an upcoming public meeting the tremendous sacrifice being made by faculty, staff, and students at CCSF and call on the Board to preserve educational opportunity and jobs at CCSF and to step-up their involvement to secure adequate funding at the State and local levels
6) Oppose wage concessions and layoffs as the solution to this crisis and carry this message to our Board and administration, at the bargaining table, in our larger union and coalitions, and to the public and State government. We cannot sacrifice and further degrade our profession for the sake of budget austerity;
7) Provide a voice for faculty at the bargaining table by reaching out to our most vulnerable unit members and negotiating with the District over the impact of the cuts on our unit members’ jobs and working conditions;
8) Support efforts to reform our regressive State tax structure to generate much needed revenue and to reinvest in economic growth and job development including new technologies and industries.

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