RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC PRESCHOOL, K-12, AND COLLEGE HEALTH AND SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2020

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of San Francisco State University is the official voice of students at San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, Associated Students recognizes the importance of improving facilities and addressing deferred maintenance in CSU Campuses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 - the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 - places a $15 billion facilities bond on the March 3, 2020, ballot; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 13 passes, the CSU will receive $2 billion to improve its aging infrastructure to ensure safe and modern facilities for its students, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, these funds would be used to address necessary fire, safety, and seismic deficiencies and undertake projects to modernize existing buildings or construct replacement buildings to keep pace with current technology and workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the CSU’s facilities are at least 40 years old, and one-third are more than 50 years old; and

WHEREAS, specifically 66% of San Francisco State campus inventory is over 30 years old; and

WHEREAS, 50% of San Francisco State academic facilities are 60 plus years old; and

WHEREAS, the CSU has more than $15 billion in academic infrastructure needs, including $1.2 billion in seismic projects, approximately $3.6 billion in deferred maintenance needs, and $900 million in infrastructure renewal backlog, which grows by $290 million each year, and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State University has an overall need of $303,627,000 to address existing building deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the last state-authorized general obligation bond for higher education was in 2006, and the $690 million allocated to the CSU was spent by 2012; and

WHEREAS, and over the past five years, the campus has worked to fund various projects on a limited budget, making wise use of scarce resources. San Francisco State has undertaken $384,822,000 in capital projects and improvements since 2014; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the CSU has had to make requests for one-time capital funding through
the annual operating budget request process, putting facility needs in direct competition for funding with other system priorities, such as providing student services and expanding enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the independent Public Policy Institute of California has found that the state will have a shortage of 1.3 million college-educated workers by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the CSU could accommodate additional students if campus facilities were able to be properly maintained and appropriately expanded; and

WHEREAS, the CSU plays a major role in California's economy and the creation of the state's workforce by graduating nearly half of all bachelor's degrees awarded in California each year; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State has requested funding for 2020-2021 projects from a General Obligation Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Bond can provide for $8,771,000 in funding for Science and Replacement Building Surge Space, $4,671,000 in funding for Hensill Hall Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Upgrades, and $7,399,000 in funding in Fire Alarms Renewal Campuswide ADA & Code Upgrades;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, Associated Students at San Francisco State University supports Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020; and

RESOLVED, students from across all 23 CSU’s should support Proposition 13 and advocate for the bond in the March 3rd, 2020 elections; and

RESOLVED, voters from across the state of California should support and vote in favor of Proposition 13; and

THEREFORE, LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to San Francisco State University State President Lynn Mahoney, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Beth Hellwig, Dean of Students Danny Glassman, Vice President for University Enterprises Jason Porth, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Office of Mayor of San Francisco, and local legislators from the Bay Area.