



Resolution in Opposition to the City and County of San Francisco's Parking Tax

Authored (2020) and Amended (2021) by AS President Joshua Ochoa;

Approved by the Associated Students Board of Directors at SFSU.

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is requiring San Francisco State University to pay a 25% tax on all on-campus parking¹, in response to a 2018 California Supreme Court ruling^{2 3}; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State University exists within the California State University system, and is not owned or controlled by the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has a \$12.8 billion budget⁴, as reported in 2021-2022, and the parking tax (if applied) would generate approximately \$4 million from SFSU, UCSF, and UCH, which is a mere 0.0003% of the total budget of San Francisco⁵; and

WHEREAS, on June 1st, 2020, the City and County of San Francisco directed San Francisco State University to begin enforcing the 25% parking tax for all parties parking on-campus, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, administrators, community members, etc.⁶; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State students previously already paid the highest price of any California State University semester parking permits, paying \$256 for a two-day pass, \$380 for a three-day pass, and \$640 for a five-day pass⁷, none of which include the proposed 25% tax increase; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of this 25% parking tax increase, San Francisco State students are now required to pay an additional \$2 daily for a total amount of \$10 for a daily parking pass, making SFSU tied for the second highest **daily** parking rate in the California State University system; and

¹ City and County of San Francisco v. Regents of the University of California. (2018, July 5). Retrieved from [https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Request-Amicus-Support/Recent-Filings/Briefs-\(1\)/City-County-of-San-Francisco-v-UC-Regents_Amicu](https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Request-Amicus-Support/Recent-Filings/Briefs-(1)/City-County-of-San-Francisco-v-UC-Regents_Amicu)

² Egelko, B. (2019, June 20). Court: Calif. cities can collect 25% tax on public university parking Fees. Retrieved from <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Court-Calif-cities-can-collect-25-tax-on-14026134.php#>

³ California Supreme Court Case: *San Francisco vs. UC Regents*, S242835

⁴ <https://sfmayor.org/sites/default/files/FY22%20and%20FY23%20Budget%20Book%20Final%20for%20Web.pdf>

⁵ Egelko, B. (2019, June 20). Court: Calif. cities can collect 25% tax on public university parking Fees. Retrieved from <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Court-Calif-cities-can-collect-25-tax-on-14026134.php#>

⁶ San Francisco's 25% Parking Tax effective June 1, 2020 <https://parking.sfsu.edu>

⁷ San Francisco State University, Department of Parking and Transportation. (n.d.). Parking Permits. Retrieved from <https://parking.sfsu.edu/sfsu-parking/parking-permits/student-permits>



WHEREAS, San Francisco State students are now required to pay, with this 25% tax included, \$320 for a two-day pass (increase of \$64), \$475 for a three-day pass (increase of \$95), and \$800 for a five-day pass (increase of \$160); and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State students suffer greatly from the high cost of living in San Francisco, with 17.7% of our students experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness in the last year, and 48.6% of our students experiencing food insecurity and hunger in the 2019⁸; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate students' financial security, housing security, food security, etc.; and therefore,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, Associated Students of San Francisco State University strongly opposes the City and County of San Francisco requiring students to pay an additional 25% tax on parking at San Francisco State, which puts an undue financial burden on students who already struggle to afford living and completing their education in San Francisco; and let it be further

RESOLVED, Associated Students of San Francisco State University believes the City and County of San Francisco should exempt the students of San Francisco State from the proposed 25% parking tax increase, in the name of supporting higher education and student access.

⁸ Health Promotion and Wellness, Division of Student Affairs, & Department of Health Education. (2019, December). Student Housing Insecurity and Homelessness at San Francisco State University. Retrieved from <https://basicneeds.sfsu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/SFSU%20Student%20Housing%20Insecurity%20and%20Homelessness%20Report%20FINAL.pdf>