

## **Resolution to Oppose the Recall Against Commissioners Collins, Lopez & Moliga**

Whereas, over the last 20 years, UESF has worked very hard to elect school board candidates that are pro-public education and pro-labor. We have not had a single anti-union or pro-charter school commissioner in the Board of Education; and

Whereas, in San Francisco, unlike many urban centers, the saturation of charter schools in SFUSD is low; and

Whereas, the pandemic provided an opportunity for a small well-funded group of vocal parents connected to large business owners that are anti-union and adopted anti-teacher rhetoric to promote the recall; and

Whereas, the two parents that initiated the recall are new to San Francisco, charter school supporters and highly privileged workers; and

Whereas, the proponents of the recall have promoted the recall of the three commissioners in the white supremacist publication Breitbart and Glenn Beck's right-wing television show; and

Whereas, the school board recall of the three commissioners has been heavily promoted and supported by local conservative political figures like Joel Engardio, who openly opposes union members' right to strike, and venture capitalist Ethan Kurzweil, who is not a public school parent;

Whereas, the recall proponents have raised over \$638,000 from corporate developers, realtors, landlords, high tech, venture capitalists, and charter school billionaire proponents like William Obendorf who has very close ties with Betsy DeVos; and

Whereas, the recall of the school board commissioners will cost the school district over \$7 million out of its general funds to administer, pulling much needed funds away from the education of our students.; and

Whereas, the current recall is amongst a campaign to undo the democratic nature of the school board and proponents of the recall, including Mayor Breed seek to obtain a charter amendment in the Spring of 2022 that would take away our right to elect our school board and that would instead permanently place that power in the hands of the mayor. The school board election is one in which noncitizens have a right to participate; and

Whereas, it is no secret that recall elections are supported and promoted by reactionary groups and generally attract an overwhelmingly whiter, more conservative population and thus not representative of the communities served by SFUSD; and

Whereas, the organized effort of the recall of school board commissioners is more of a reaction of a school board composed of majority people of color that represents the student body population and to their agenda that addresses the historical inequities that white supremacy and institutionalized racism have accused particularly among poor students and students of color; and

Whereas, UESF loves our community and cares for our students and supports the right of parents and our communities to elect commissioners to lead the district that represent them; and

Whereas, UESF rejects the attempts of an unpopular and unrepresentative recall campaign supported by right wing and wealthy anti-union forces as well as white supremacist pundits; and

Therefore, UESF will oppose and campaign against the recall efforts of commissioners Moliga, Lopez and Collins

Therefore, UESF will engage in an internal political education campaign beginning with a learning session open to all members and materials to be distributed to all members on the roots and character of the recall campaign

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