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Whereas:
Freedom of Speech is central in the SF State University mission and strategic goal of celebrating courageous faculty, students, and staff — of intellect and humanity who take positions of principle and stand by them despite academic and social pressure; and

Whereas:
Freedom of Speech promotes the common good of the SF State campus community through candid collegial conversations that are protected by both the constitutions of the United States and State of California; and

Whereas:
Freedom of Speech enables critical discourse on inequity in all of its forms, and lends objectively to the creation of a campus culture where students, staff, and faculty are valued, taken care of and treated fairly; Therefore, be it

Resolved:
That the Academic Senate of SF State University reaffirms its commitment to the principles of Academic Freedom (i.e., freedom of academic inquiry, discussion, and teaching of uncomfortable ideas and facts from all perspectives) that promote Freedom of Speech; and be it further

Resolved:
That the Academic Senate of SF State University condemn in the strongest terms hate speech and associated intimidation and violence, as such discriminatory practices are barriers to tolerance; and be it further

Resolved:
That the Academic Senate of SF State strongly urges the administration to support forthcoming policies and resolutions that uphold the strategic aspiration of providing a space for a community that is educationally purposeful, open, just, disciplined, culturally responsive and caring.