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ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION

#RF08-270

SUPPORT OF SF STATE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN FALL 2008

WHEREAS, SF State's mission is rooted in social justice, equity, community engagement and service; and

WHEREAS, Voting is an extension of the desire to serve, a way of achieving more widespread and lasting change; and

WHEREAS, SF State has committed itself to lively and widespread efforts to encourage voter registration and voter education; and

WHEREAS, SF State has been nationally recognized for finding innovative ways to encourage eligible students to vote; establishing a voting precinct and polling place on campus; and, informing voters by hosting panel discussions and programs while fostering community engagement through student clubs and student government; and

WHEREAS, the CSU Executive Order 1033 released on June 18, 2008 calls for the learning outcomes of the General Education program of all campuses to include Personal and Social Responsibility in order "to fit within the framework of the four 'Essential Learning Outcomes' drawn from the Liberal Education and American Promise (LEAP) campaign;" therefore, the California Faculty Association, the Institute of Civic and Community Engagement, the Educational Opportunity Program, the Government and Community Relations Office, Associated Students Inc., Office of Student Programs and Leadership Development, the College of Ethnic Studies and the California State Employee Association will be conducting a non-partisan voter registration campaign at SF State through October 20, 2008 (Monday through Thursdays); and
WHEREAS, President Robert A. Corrigan and Provost John Gemello have steadfastly encouraged faculty to participate in this non-partisan civic activity; and

WHEREAS, By engaging in voter registration activities, faculty can model their commitment to the society beyond the University that we also encourage in community service learning courses, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SF State Academic Senate strongly endorse the non-partisan voter registration campaign of fall 2008, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SF State Academic Senate publicize the dates, times, and places of the voter registration campaign, and urge all faculty to do the same in their classes, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SF State Academic Senate invite all faculty members to participate in a manner that is most appropriate for them, including staffing a voter-registration table or discussing with their students the importance of making informed choices in the electoral process.

***Approved by the Academic Senate at its meeting on September 23, 2008***