

Resolution Number: RF05-246

September, 2005

**Resolution
Supporting Voter Registration Campaign**

**September 19 -
October 6, 2005, at San Francisco State University**

WHEREAS Among
the many forms of government with which human beings have

experimented,
democracy remains the best of the alternatives that have developed over time;
and

WHEREAS An
open society gains in strength of spirit from the widespread participation in
civic matter of those eligible to participate, and

WHEREAS The
most fundamental form of that participation is voting in national,

state, and local
elections, and

WHEREAS SFSU
has committed itself to lively and widespread efforts to encourage voter
registration and voter education; and

WHEREAS The
upcoming special election of 2005 asks the citizens of the state to make
decisions on a number of issues that could have direct and indirect effects on
the state and its public agencies for years to come; and

WHEREAS The
turnout of voters in special elections is historically low; and

WHEREAS The
California Faculty Association will be conducting its 8th
non-partisan voter registration campaign at SFSU from September 19, 2005
through October 6, 2005 (Mondays through Thursdays, 10-2); and

WHEREAS President
Robert A. Corrigan and Provost John Gemello have consistently

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,
and

WHEREAS Many

thousands of SFSU students, faculty, and staff have registered or re-

registered during

such campaigns in prior years, therefore be it

RESOLVED That

the SFSU Academic Senate strongly endorse the non-partisan voter registration
campaign of fall 2005, and be it further

RESOLVED That

the SFSU 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 SFSU Academic Senate invite all faculty members to participate

in whatever way is most

appropriate for them, whether by staffing a voter-registration table or by
taking time to publicize to their students the importance of making informed
choices in the electoral process.
