Resolution in Support of Getting Out the Vote for the March 2nd Primary Election #RS04-224

Whereas The citizens of California will be making deeply important decisions when they cast their ballots on March 2, 2004; and

Whereas Several of the ballot propositions on which they will be voting have a direct bearing on the fiscal condition of the State of California in general, and the CSU in particular; and

Whereas One of the ballot propositions would change the process by which the state's budget process is managed each year; and

Whereas All faculty, staff, students, and administrators in the CSU will feel the effects of the choices made by the electorate, no matter what they may be; and

Whereas Participation in decision-making is a cherished privilege and right in our democratic society; and

Whereas All eligible individuals should be encouraged to participate in the most fundamental form of that privilege -- voting in national, state, and local elections; and

Whereas The Academic Senate of SFSU has consistently supported and encouraged voter registration on this campus; therefore be it

Resolved That the Academic Senate of SFSU remind all faculty that there is no prohibition against non-partisan classroom advocacy of voting; and be it further

Resolved That the Academic Senate of SFSU urge all faculty on this campus to remind students to make time to vote in the upcoming state election and to follow the dictates of their conscience in voting on the various propositions and candidates; and be it further

Resolved That the Academic Senate of SFSU urge all faculty to participate in whatever way possible to "Get out the vote" by doing such things as reminding friends, relatives, neighbors, and other acquaintances of the importance their votes will have in this election; and be it further

Resolved That the Academic Senate of SFSU urge all faculty to remind students to exercise their right to vote in the California election scheduled for March 2 and 3, 2004.

*** Approved Unanimously by the Academic Senate on February 24, 2004 ***