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Ms. Brigitte Davila
President, Board of Trustees
City College of San Francisco
50 Phelan Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94112

Dear Ms. Davila:

We are the United Association for Labor Education, the professional organization for labor educators in the United States and Canada. Our members work for unions, colleges and community-based organizations. We research labor-related issues, run academic programs and conduct trainings for unions and community-based workers centers. Our members help working people find their voice, stand up for their rights and insist on equitable treatment at work and in society. This has become only more important in the current climate of hostility to working people, especially our immigrant brothers and sisters and our public-sector union members.

The Labor and Community Studies Department at City College of San Francisco has been an important member of our organization for many years. The program is widely respected. Its faculty play valuable roles in our organization, including on our Executive Board. We value their presence and their support.

It was with dismay, therefore, that we learned of the severe budget cuts and punitive administrative actions visited on the program in recent years. These actions undercut the department's ability to meet the educational needs of organized labor in the Bay Area and Northern California. All in the regional labor movement felt this loss, especially after they did so much to secure needed funding for the college during the recent accreditation crisis. We note that in recent meetings the department's Advisory Board spoke to you clearly about this and asked that the college change course in its treatment of the department. We are writing to join this chorus of support.

We urge you to restore all needed funding and appoint an appropriately

supportive dean to oversee Labor and Community Studies. These actions should meet the needs articulated by the department, its board and the broader labor movement.

Given the urgency of the times, we ask that you move as quickly as possible to reverse course and give the department the resources it needs to fulfill its mission. We in labor education will applaud you when you do.

Sincerely,

Mary Bellman
President

cc: Mr. Mark Rocha, Chancellor