

Support \$2.7 Million Funding To Stop 280 Class Cuts By CCSF Chancellor Mark Rocha

SF City Hall Press Conference
Tuesday, December 10, 1:00 PM
At: SF City Hall Polk & McAllister, SF

San Francisco City College faces 280 classes being cut from the college offering. This would prevent students from graduating, cause extreme stress on students, faculty, and staff. It would be another amputation of our community college built up after many decades. CCSF Chancellor Mark Rocha's number in his official statement is 288 that includes 90% of the older adult classes. They are likely to cut more classes if their enrollments are low before and after the term starts.

It is also part of the ongoing organized destruction derby going on at SF City College by the administration. City College is a critical resource for the people of San Francisco and the residents have voted again and again for ballot measures to fund our community college.

HEAT Higher Education Action Team has been organizing against the cutbacks and with the support of AFT 2121 has been lobbying the SF Board of Supervisors for an ordinance to appropriate \$2.7 million to make sure that the cuts do not go through and the classes are protected to reverse the cuts that have been made.

At this press conference, students, faculty and community supporters of SF City College will urge support for this funding to protect the college. At the same time, HEAT is calling for an independent audit of CCSF due to serious concerns about the real financial situation and the action of Mark Rocha and the BOT to award raises to the school top management while cutting classes and the destruction of whole departments at the college.

The most recent cuts announced by the administration would prevent students from graduating and further threaten our community college. Vocational classes and many other programs that are critical to working-class students are literally being destroyed in this new massive cutback. The administration has said that they were needed because of the financial crisis.

Additionally, now in a shocking action, Chancellor Mark Rocha has written to the Board of Supervisors to oppose this funding to stop the massive cuts of classes arguing that it is part of his "of a long-term restructuring plan".

This must not stand. This is taking place in one of the wealthiest cities in the world with a growing number of billionaires and where at the same time, working-class students and the poor rely on the college to have a future and develop their careers while seniors use to continue their education and protect their health and creativity.

Please join us at the press conference at 1:00 PM and speak out at 2:00 PM at the Board Of Supervisors During Public Comment. Also on Thursday at the Ocean Campus at 4:00 PM, there will be a Board Of Trustees Meeting. Please attend this as well.

Defend Our Community College
Support The \$2.7 Appropriation
Stop The Over 280 Class Cuts
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