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Community Victory: The Tenderloin Gets its Campus Back! City College Signs New Lease For Interim Civic Center Campus Coalition Vows to Stay Organized Until 750 Eddy is Restored

(SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, May 7, 2015) - City College of San Francisco has secured a new location at 1170 Market Street for its Interim Civic Center campus. The new location will be the site of classes that were relocated after the College's 750 Eddy Street facility was unexpectedly closed this past January for critical seismic-related repairs. This follows three months of dedicated mobilization of the Central City Coalition for Public Education (CCCPE), which brought together a broad coalition of Tenderloin residents to bring the impacts of the campus closure to light.

The CCCPE applauds the new six-year lease for approximately 22,668 square feet covering five floors. The Coalition is especially heartened that the College has committed to continuing to offer all of the courses that were previously offered at the permanent 750 Eddy Street location. "I am direct neighbor of the Tenderloin Campus. My family and community now have the ability to thrive and learn thanks to this victory. We can also celebrate that our Spanish speaking neighbors can further their studies in the English as A Second Language programs," shared Gabrielle Thompson, a community leader with Community Housing Partnership and Take Back the Block.

The CCCPE also vowed to stay organized in order to ensure that the campus returns to 750 Eddy as its permanent home. Samantha Adame of Young Workers United shared that "Young Workers United has provided numerous *know your rights trainings* at the Tenderloin campus but since its closure we have not been able to access those ESL students that attended that campus. Many of our members also take ESL classes and are not able to access them."

Also, an unresolved issue with City College is the dramatic drop in enrollment as a result of the closure. "For the long-term stability of the campus, we call on the Administration to aggressively outreach to the Tenderloin in order to let people know that their City College campus is back. By this we mean a multilingual campaign in neighborhood and ethnic media and partnership with the organizations who serve the Tenderloin," said Sergio Lopez of La Voz Latino, who added "Si se Puede, Mantenerlo abieto!"

"Education is a central priority, and I will continue to fight to ensure that everyone has equal access to quality education," said Supervisor Jane Kim. "I'm thrilled that our collective efforts have secured an interim home for the Civic Center campus, in the heart of the Civic Center/Tenderloin neighborhood and near critical public transportation. I'd like to thank Chancellor Tyler for his leadership and look forward to working with the administration, students and faculty as they plan the seismic retrofit of the Eddy Street campus."

The Central City Coalition for Public Education (CCCPE) includes: La Voz Latina, Vietnamese Youth Development Center, Glide Church, Community Housing Partnership, Young Workers United, Central City SRO Collaborative, and AFT 2121.

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