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Resolution ON OPEN ADMISSIONS

Whereas CUNY's historic mission has been to provide a quality educational opportunity for all the residents of New York City, and

Whereas CUNY expanded this mandate with the initiation of Open Admissions in 1969. and

Whereas CUNY's policy of open access has given hundreds of thousands of students from all walks of life the opportunity for a first-class college education; and

Whereas CUNY graduates have made significant contributions to the City, State, nation and world; and

Whereas CUNY faculty have gained national prominence for their excellence in remedial and developmental education; and

Whereas these successes and innovations have been accomplished despite political attacks, imposition of tuition, implementation of artificial test barriers, and the wholesale reduction of faculty, staff, and budget; and

Whereas open access has been decimated by the Board of Trustees' 1999 actions which have effectively eliminated remediation at the senior colleges and created "remediation exit exams" at the community colleges; and

Whereas the attacks on open access threaten the health and vitality of the City's economy and the upward mobility of a significant segment of City residents: and

Whereas the attacks on open access have the ultimate impact of undermining CUNY, and diminishing its educational mission; now therefore be it

Resolved that PSC/CUNY establish an open access committee whose charge it will be to promote the historic mission of CUNY in providing remediation, open admissions, and quality education to all the residents of New York City at a free, affordable or subsidized level.

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