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Open Letter to the San Francisco State University Community:

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During the winter/spring 2011 term, the California State University conducted a six-year review of Dr. Robert A. Corrigan, president of San Francisco State University. The review concluded on May 9, 2011 with a discussion of the review by the CSU Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees and I appreciate the contributions of those who worked with us on this review.

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The Board of Trustees' criteria for assessing the performance of a president and of the institution include the overall management of the institution, relations on campus and within the system, educational leadership, community relations, major achievements of the campus and the president, and personal characteristics of the president. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community representatives were invited to submit written comments responding to the trustees' criteria. Additionally, a four-person external review team conducted a campus visit and interviewed members of the campus community.

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LOS ANGELES

MARITIME ACADEMY

MONTEREY BAY

Accomplishments and highlights from Dr. Corrigan's tenure include a reorganization plan to reshape the campus into a six-college structure; planning for a new Performing Arts Center with the launch of a fundraising campaign and the receipt of a multi-million dollar gift; acquisition of residential property to the north and south of campus to expand housing opportunities; the opening of the new Downtown Center; developing an endowment exceeding \$50 million; creating the SF Promise program with the San Francisco Unified School District to guarantee SFSU admission to all qualified local students; leading the Board of Directors of the 2,000-member San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; and receiving prestigious awards including the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

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Since his arrival in 1988, President Corrigan has brought about the development of a shared vision (focused in part on civic engagement, equity, and social justice), open communication with university constituencies, the hiring of capable administrators, a commitment to delegated authority and shared governance, careful and continuous planning, and sound fiscal policies.

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Dr. Corrigan is an innovative leader in academic advancement, his continuing interest in student performance having helped bring about consequential increases in graduation rates, particularly for minority students. He has worked to improve the

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quality of education, especially general education, by actively supporting effective teaching and scholarly obligations.

Dr. Corrigan meets regularly with representative bodies and individuals – including the Academic Senate, student government, union leadership, and the deans – and he hosts monthly dinners for members of the campus community. The central administration in general has considerable credibility even as the university deals with budget issues and moves forward – with some important questions yet to resolve – on restructuring the university’s major academic units.

Dr. Corrigan maintains an excellent relationship with the city of San Francisco and works with different segments of the community to the benefit of the campus. He has developed continuing contacts with city representatives and leaders of the business community, and he has received support from organizations such as the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Jewish Community Relations Council, to name a few. He has served two terms as the Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, his wife, Joyce, complements his efforts with her energy, enthusiasm, and numerous memberships in community organizations.

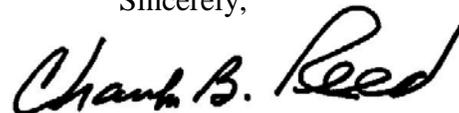
The Corrigan’s level of engagement and visibility has led to a very successful and continuing fund-raising program through the University Foundation. During the past four years, private giving has ranged between \$15 and \$18 million annually, with the numbers of both gifts and donors trending upward. The record attests to the value the community places on the university and the respect and trust it holds for the president and his wife.

On a personal level, Dr. Corrigan is widely regarded as a respected listener and communicator, who, along with his wife, has become an indispensable part of the greater San Francisco community. He is seen as a dynamic, personable, inspirational, and consensus-building individual who is held in high regard on campus. Review respondents praised Dr. Corrigan as a person who possesses both gravitas and a good sense of humor.

Dr. Robert Corrigan is deeply committed to the success of SFSU and its students, staff, and faculty. He has led the institution through many difficult periods, and he has helped shape SFSU into a leading model for a 21st century urban university. His contributions are greatly appreciated, and he is certain to leave a lasting legacy on campus and within the community.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles B. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles B. Reed
Chancellor