

Resolution California Legislature

By the Honorable Scott D. Weiner, 11th Senatorial District;
the Honorable Matt Haney, 17th Assembly District;
and the Honorable Philip Y. Ting, 19th Assembly District;
Relative to Commending the

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at San Francisco State University

WHEREAS, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at San Francisco State University (SFSU) is celebrating its twentieth anniversary on March 23, 2023, at the Seven Hills Conference Center, and it is appropriate on this occasion to highlight its invaluable contributions toward enriching the lives of older adults and redefining aging through innovative lifelong learning programs, helping to make San Francisco a more livable and desirable city for aging adults; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong learning program offering engaging and intellectually stimulating noncredit courses to adult learners aged 50 or older who enjoy participating in a vibrant community of like-minded adults, OLLI offers a diverse selection of in-person and online six-week classes, mini-courses, and free lectures; facilitates special interest groups and activities, such as museum, movie, and theater outings; publishes the Vistas and Byways literary journal; and coordinates travel programs, all in service to its flourishing membership of more than 850 active and engaged lifelong learners in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by legendary businessman and philanthropist Bernard Osher, who was interested in helping seniors make the most of their longer lives made possible by advances in medicine, science, and public health, OLLI was launched in 2003 through a generous grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation that allowed SFSU to create one of what today is a network of 125 OLLI programs housed in colleges and universities across the country; and

WHEREAS, To enrich the quality and value of its various programs, OLLI encourages its members to become further engaged in its operations by volunteering to serve on its Leadership Council or its Curriculum, Curriculum Development, Communications and Fundraising, or Membership committees, and having evolved technologically over the years, it was able to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic conditions by pivoting to online classes that fostered a safe, lively, and engaging educational community, helping OLLI and its members thrive during challenging times; and

WHEREAS, Lauded by many of its members as a significant and enriching part of their retirement, OLLI has earned praise for the ongoing intellectual engagement and social interaction its members experience along with the breadth and quality of its classes, its knowledgeable and friendly teachers, and the opportunity its members have to engage in stimulating and insightful discussions and make friends with engaging people who are interested in exploring new ideas; and

WHEREAS, The contributions OLLI has made to creating a strong and thriving lifelong learning community in the San Francisco Bay Area are invaluable and reflect an organization devoted to the highest ideals of community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR SCOTT D. WEINER AND ASSEMBLY MEMBERS MATT HANEY AND PHILIP Y. TING,
That the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at San Francisco State University be congratulated on the celebration of its twentieth anniversary, commended for the vital role it has played in improving the quality of life in the community, and extended best wishes for its continued success in the future

Joint Members Resolution No. 96

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2023