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Resolution in Support of Union Solidarity with SFUSD Workers

WHEREAS the United Educators of San Francisco (AFT 61) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 790 have been engaged in prolonged bargaining with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD); and

WHEREAS these two unions represent over 7,200 teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, cooks, nurses, social workers, custodians and other school workers in the school district; and

WHEREAS neither union has had wage or salary increases since 2002; and

WHEREAS SFUSD has put many takeaways on the table in talks with UESF, and has resisted the basic equity of sharing COLA adjustments passed on from the State of California in wage and salary adjustments with either SEIU or UESF; and

WHEREAS political pressure has given the Board of Education members the will to invite Mayor Newsom to enter the arena on behalf of fair settlements, in opposition to the will and wishes of Superintendent Ackerman; and

WHEREAS Superintendent Ackerman has announced that she is leaving San Francisco to work in New York where she says the people “love” her; and

WHEREAS Superintendent Ackerman clearly no longer has a stake in a fair and just settlement; and

WHEREAS, all pressure possible needs to be brought to bear on the Board of Education members of the SFUSD to settle fair contracts with these unions that represent the vast majority of SFUSD employees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council, in its own body and among its affiliates, will support SEIU and UESF in their efforts to achieve a fair and just settlement by:

1. Contacting SFUSD Commissioners, Mayor Newsom, and Superintendent Ackerman with the following messages:

- Do not force a strike
- Share COLA with the workers of SEIU and UESF
- Remove the takeaways from the bargaining table
- SF unions and their members support SEIU and UESF
- Union members will not allow their children to cross a picket line by either or both labor organizations; and by

2. Joining SEIU and UESF in their public activities on behalf of decent contracts; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council and its affiliates will communicate their support for fair and expedited bargaining on behalf of just contracts for SEIU and UESF.

Submitted by Tom Edminster, UESF, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on October 24, 2005.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Paulson", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Tim Paulson
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