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Resolution in Support of IBU and MMP Members on the Alcatraz Ferry

WHEREAS the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) and the Masters, Mates and Pilots (MMP) employees of the Blue and Gold fleet have worked the Alcatraz ferry route since the mid-1970s and mid 1990s, respectively; and

WHEREAS the Alcatraz route provides Bay Area communities with 43 full-time, well-paying union jobs (IBU and MMP); and

WHEREAS the IBU and MMP employees have created a record of competence and reliability on behalf of the Blue and Gold fleet, delivering over 1.3 million visitors to Alcatraz in the year 2004; and

WHEREAS the National Park Service has announced that it has chosen the notoriously anti-union Hornblower Yachts Inc. as the contractor for the Alcatraz route effective March 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS Hornblower Yachts Inc. does not have the comparable record of competence and reliability that the Blue and Gold fleet does; and

WHEREAS Hornblower Yachts Inc. intends to use a non-union workforce to staff the Alcatraz route and has a history of opposing the organizing efforts of its Bay Area workers in the past; and

WHEREAS Hornblower Yachts Inc. follows a policy of employing mostly part-time workers with a minimum of full-time workers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council calls upon the National Park Service to reconsider its award of the Alcatraz ferry route to Hornblower Yachts Inc. and to fully evaluate the exemplary record of the Blue and Gold fleet in the San Francisco Bay; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council support the IBU and MMP workers in retaining their jobs.

Submitted by Robert Irminger, IBU, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on October 24, 2005.

Respectfully,

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