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Resolution Opposing Current Policies of NATO/G8

Whereas, the G8 has been responsible for austerity measures forced on working people around the world; and

Whereas, austerity measures are another way of describing the cuts to benefits and social services, attacks on public and private sector workers; and

Whereas, public sector employees, reeling from reduced state and federal revenues due to economic contraction, war and tax cuts for the wealthy, have been especially hard hit; and

Whereas, NATO, as a vestige of the cold war, is now fighting unjust wars throughout the world; and

Whereas, military budgets and expenditures have taken money from social services, education, healthcare and other needed programs causing hardship to the American people and causing a loss of jobs;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council goes on record as expressing its opposition to the current policies of NATO and the G8; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council goes on record in support of the permitted anti-NATO protest in Chicago on May 20th 2012 which has been endorsed by the Rev. Jesse Jackson (who will be a keynote speaker), the Chicago Teachers Union, National Nurses United (NNU), SEIU Local 73, and many other trade union, community and antiwar organizations; and

Be it Finally Resolved that we call on Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel to stand behind the issued permits and allow for peaceful demonstrations on May 20, 2012 that will be in proximity to the NATO summit so that the protester's grievances can be heard.

Submitted by Alan Benjamin, OPEIU Local 3, and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on May 7, 2012.

Respectfully,

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