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**Resolution in Support of Prop.34, SAFE California Act**

Whereas, since reinstatement of the death penalty in the United States, 140 innocent men and women have been freed from death row, hundreds of innocent people have been wrongly convicted of serious crimes, and three sentenced to death in California, and

Whereas, with the death penalty we will always risk executing an innocent person.

Whereas, our irreparably broken death penalty system costs \$130 million more each year than the alternative punishment of life in prison with no chance of parole, and

Whereas our resources would be better spent on law enforcement, violence prevention, and in schools, and

Whereas, Prop. 34 (The SAFE California Act) will replace California's death penalty with the sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole as the maximum punishment for murder, so that that convicted killers will remain behind bars forever – with no risk of executing an innocent person and no risk to society, and

Whereas, the Legislative Analyst's Office has determined that Prop. 34 will save California \$130 million each year, and will allocate \$100 million of that savings to law enforcement for the purpose of solving violent crime and making our communities safer.

Therefore Be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council joins the California Labor Federation to support Prop. 34 and authorizes the YES on Prop. 34 campaign to use its name throughout the campaign.

Submitted by Linda Plack, Dennis Kelly, Carolyn Samoa, and Susan Solomon from UESF AFT #61 and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on September 24, 2012.

Respectfully,

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