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Resolution in Solidarity with South African Workers

Whereas, on August 16, 2012, thirty four striking platinum miners were massacred by police in the Marikana area of the Republic of South Africa as a result of the government's attempt to suppress the strike, recalling the bloody slaughters of the apartheid era; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of South African miners and other workers are fighting against subsistence wages and dangerous working conditions and are forced to defend themselves against police repression;

Therefore Be It Resolved the San Francisco Labor Council stands in solidarity with our brother and sister workers in South Africa and demands a full inquiry into the police action that resulted in the deaths of 34 miners with full disclosure and correct action taken; and

Be It Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council send this resolution to Mr. Jacob Zuma, President Republic of South Africa, the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU), National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), and the Farlam Judicial Commission of Inquiry and forward a copy to all affiliates, Bay Area labor councils, the California Federation of Labor, and the AFL-CIO for their consideration.

Submitted by Marcus Holder, ILWU 10 and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on November 26, 2012.

Respectfully,

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