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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A ROAD MAP TO CITIZENSHIP FOR ASPIRING AMERICANS

WHEREAS, every day, more than 11 million immigrant aspiring citizens contribute to our communities, our economy and our country—yet they are denied a voice in the workplace and essential rights in our society; and

WHEREAS, a strong and vibrant democracy cannot function unless all men and women, regardless of their skin color or where they were born, can participate meaningfully in the political process with full rights and equal protections; and

WHEREAS, the union movement recognizes that the way we treat new immigrants reflects our commitment to the values that define us; and

WHEREAS, Working people are strongest when working together and the union movement is strongest when it is open to all workers, regardless of where they come from; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a road map to citizenship for immigrant aspiring Americans would improve wages and labor standards for all workers by giving immigrant workers a voice in the workplace and halting employers who take advantage of our failed immigration policies to pursue a race to the bottom; and

WHEREAS, the dreams of young immigrants to have access to quality education and the hopes of millions of immigrants to reunify their families reflect core American values; and

WHEREAS, America's unions remain committed to working together on the side of justice for all, along with our community partners, including civil rights, human rights and immigrant rights organizations, to pass fundamental reform that encompasses these principles; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council, which represents the voices of more than 100,000 working families in San Francisco, calls upon Congress to pass common-sense immigration reform that includes a practical and inclusive road map to citizenship and that reflects the principles outlined in the unified union movement's framework for comprehensive immigration reform, "Immigration for Shared Prosperity: A Framework for Comprehensive Immigration Reform" and reflects the principles outlined in the past resolutions on the subject adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the San Francisco Labor Council will continue to work with allies to promote comprehensive immigration reform based on the principles outlined in this resolution and will communicate this position to California's congressional delegation.

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Respectfully,

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