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## Resolution on Continuing Fair Tax Work

Whereas fair tax reform has just begun with the passage of Prop 30 this past November 2012 (specifically the provision of a 7 year temporary extension of taxes on incomes of \$250K and above), along with the local passage of Propositions A, C and E; and

Whereas the poverty of the public sector and the distribution of wealth remain largely intact, while there remains a political opening for the closure of wasteful state tax loopholes and on-going tax reform; and

Whereas a number of unions and other political and community organizations remain committed to fair tax reform and progressive taxes; and

Whereas public sector unions in particular and community and civic allies would benefit from coordinated political and educational work around tax reform; and

Whereas such reform efforts may include research, lobbying, pressure for legislative hearings, planning for initiative campaigns at the state level as well coordinated efforts on local tax measures; and

Whereas public sector workers continue to receive media and corporate criticism for allegedly unaffordable wage, health and retirement costs; and

Whereas key basic public services have been cut and privatized; and the pressure for user fees continues;

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council endorses and supports the work of the SFLC Fair Tax Committee to convene an ongoing working group of local and regional public sector unions and community allies to coordinate fair tax efforts, including work with members of the "Reclaim California" (Pro Prop 30 coalition), the California Labor Federation, etc.; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Fair Tax Committee shall work in conjunction with the SFLC Executive Director and Vice President for Political Affairs in these efforts, including convening an initial meeting this Spring; and

Be it Finally Resolved that the Fair Tax Committee, in the conduct of such work, shall make regular reports to and consult with the indicated Labor Council officers, the SFLC Executive Committee and SF Labor Council delegate body as necessary.

Submitted by SFLC Fair Tax Committee and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on March 4, 2013.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Paulson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Tim Paulson  
Executive Director