



Resolution on Ukraine and Russia

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Whereas, the United States and other Western countries have intervened in the internal affairs of Ukraine, and behind the uprising are millions of dollars of our tax money used in the covert campaign to destabilize and topple the democratically elected former regime; and

Whereas, this money comes from the federal budget where it competes directly with funds for human needs programs that directly benefit education and other services and public sector employees as well as students and their families; and

Whereas, the Western Powers have historically attempted encirclement and the weakening of Russia by incorporating Eastern European countries into NATO; and

Whereas, intervention by Western powers and threats of war are contrary to the interests of the Ukrainian, Russian, and American people and undermine peace and stability in the region; and

Whereas, the new Ukrainian government, backed by the United States and European powers, has a fascist-minded element that threatens much of the population, and recalls racist, anti-Semitic and xenophobic views that go against our fundamental values, and

Whereas, fascist movements historically have sought to destroy the organized labor movement; and

Whereas, the region is now a tinder box easily ignited; and

Whereas, war in Europe will have horrific consequences to the world economy, to the human race and the planet; and

Whereas, a peace oriented, productive economy serves not only the needs of all faculty and students, union members and all workers, but also all strata of society except war-profiteers and the super-rich,

Therefore be it Resolved the San Francisco Labor Council urges the U.S. government to use diplomacy with Russia and Ukraine to work out a peaceful resolution of the brewing conflict, one that respects the sovereignty, democratic right to self-determination, and security of all the peoples of Eastern Europe, and

Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council urge the U.S. government to stop all military aid to the new Ukraine government, and

Be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council will send copies of this resolution to Bay Area Congressional Representatives, Senators Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, John McCain and Mitch McConnell, Secretary of State John Kerry, President Barack Obama, and the AFL-CIO.

Submitted by Allan Fisher, AFT 2121, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on May 12, 2014.

Respectfully,

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