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## RESOLUTION ON SF POLICE SHOOTING OF MARIO WOODS

Whereas 26-year-old African American Mario Woods, while carrying a knife, had his back to a building and was confronted by a semi-circle of police with their guns drawn; and

Whereas video shows, Mario Woods started to walk away, and a policeman moved in front of him with gun drawn ; and

Whereas, Mr. Woods was shot over a dozen times, far exceeding the minimal amount of force needed to disable him; and

Whereas, the ACLU of Northern California has stated, "Video of the incident, which reveals Woods trying to walk away from officers, does not appear to show the imminent danger of substantial risk of death or serious injury that would permit the use of a firearm under SFPD policy;" and

Whereas, the demonization of black men has made even minor interactions with law enforcement potentially life threatening; and use of deadly force by police officers against Black and Brown males is occurring regularly across our nation, including male children; and

Whereas, according to the San Francisco Chronicle (Dec. 12, 2015), 'A new video of the fatal shooting of Mario Woods shows San Francisco police officers fired a barrage of shots at him while he held his arms at his sides, an apparent contradiction to the Police Department's account that he prompted his killing by threatening an officer with a kitchen knife.'

Therefore Be It Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council calls for a comprehensive and impartial investigation in conjunction with the San Francisco District Attorney, the California Attorney General and the United States Department of Justice; and based on these facts, the San Francisco District Attorney should prosecute the police who fired their guns to the fullest extent of the law, up to and including charging them with murder; and

Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council calls on the elected City officials to require the San Francisco Police Department to institute a thorough retraining of police officers in non-lethal tactics to disarm suspects who do not display an immediate credible threat to the lives of the police and our families and neighbors including policing practices that incorporate stronger and more impactful best practices of de-escalation training such as is practiced in other countries, where police are trained to realize that their behavior and attitude will have an impact on the other person's behavior and attitude.

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Respectfully,

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