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Statement by San Francisco Labor Council Executive Director on United States v Texas Supreme Court Ruling

June 23, 2016 – While the San Francisco Labor Council is disappointed in today's Supreme Court ruling, it is only a temporary setback. It represents a hold on President Obama's executive actions on immigration, leaving millions of families denied basic protections, including 1.5 million in California and approximately 14,000 in the City and County of San Francisco alone. While we are deeply disappointed by the Court's failure to reach a decision, we will, to quote AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, "redouble our organizing efforts to defeat the obstructionist, anti-immigrant forces behind this lawsuit and ensure that all working people can assert their rights on the job and in the community without fear of deportation or a denial of their basic rights and dignity."

The San Francisco Labor Council and the entire labor community stands in solidarity with the majority of Americans who believe that, as a country of immigrants, we must build a society that values and includes all immigrants and pass laws that ensure a fair inclusive society.

We demand an **immediate end to deportations** and urge our government to embrace the growing immigrant populations that are the backbone of so many communities throughout this country.

We support a rehearing of the Supreme Court to limit the injunction to the 5th Circuit.

And in line with the Immigrant Rights Commission, we urge all immigrant families to:

- Obtain screening from qualified legal service providers through programs like the WE RISE SF Labor Center for Immigrant Justice, for all relief options;
- Apply for drivers licenses under California AB 60;
- Enroll qualified children in MediCal;
- Apply for citizenship if eligible; and
- Vote if you can.

Within the labor movement we stand together with all of our Brothers and Sisters, regardless of status, until "An Injury to One is an Injury to All" can be realized.

The San Francisco Labor Council is an organization representing over 150 local unions with a membership of over 100,000 working men and women in San Francisco.

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