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Resolution Condemning the Appointment of Supreme Court Judge Neil Gorsuch

WHEREAS, the importance of the Supreme Court and the decisions they make have a profound effect on the daily lives of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court seat, vacated by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, has been open for nearly a year, after Republicans refused to hold confirmation hearings for Judge Merrick Garland, former President Barack Obama's nominee; and

WHEREAS, The American people deserve an independent Supreme Court Justice who will protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of all Americans, not someone like Neil Gorsuch who will put his own political preferences above the law and legislate President Trump's far right agenda from the bench of our nation's highest court; and

WHEREAS, In March 2016, the Supreme Court addressed the constitutionality of requiring public employees to pay agency shop fees to public-sector unions in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*. The justices delivered a 4-4 *per curiam* decision, and the ruling of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit was upheld; and

WHEREAS, Since fall of 2016, the out-of-state conservative organizations funded by the Koch Brothers and other far-right groups called the Freedom Foundation has launched anti-workers campaigns such as charter schools and right to work state in California, specifically targeting public employees unions, citing the 2014 Supreme Court decision of *Harris v. Quinn*; and

WHEREAS, there are two anti-workers cases pending at the Supreme Court and a few more similar cases are making their way there,

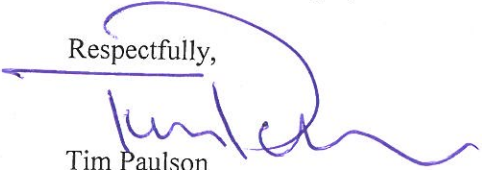
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Labor Council condemn the appointment of Supreme Court Judge Neil Gorsuch, and oppose all attacks on workers' rights cases brought to the Supreme Court of United States by the Republican Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Labor Council circulates this resolution among union membership, urging them to support actions on this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Labor Council send a letter to both Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Sen. Kamala Harris and Congressman Nancy Pelosi based on this resolution.

Submitted by SEIU 2015 and adopted unanimously by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on May 8, 2017.

Respectfully,


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