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**Resolution on the Northern California Tour of Colombian Trade Union Leader
Nidia Quintero**

Whereas, FENSUAGRO, the National Federation of Unified Agricultural Workers Unions, is Colombia's federation of farmers and farm workers unions. The workers and communities the federation represents come from the population most affected by political violence and forced displacement. Over 1,500 of its members have been assassinated since the federation was founded in 1976; and

Whereas, the General Secretary of FENSUAGRO, Nidia Quintero, will be visiting the Bay Area, Sacramento and the Midwest in April 2018, on a mission to build popular and labor solidarity in the US with rural Colombian workers and the peace effort. She comes from a farming family that was displaced because of the armed conflict from the department of Cauca. She relocated to Putumayo, where she and her family became community and labor organizers. Fifteen of her fellow organizers were assassinated for their activities between 2000 and 2004. These included both her husband, a union leader, and her 19-year-old son, who was also active in the union; and

Whereas, it is over a year since peace accords were signed in Colombia that officially ended 52 years of civil war. But there are powerful enemies of the peace who want to undermine the accords any way they can. They are trying to stop reforms that benefit rural workers and communities. Instead, they want more access for transnational corporations and big landowners to natural resources, even if it means terrorizing rural, indigenous and Afro Colombian families and forcing them to leave their land. Colombia remains the most dangerous country in the world for trade unionists, and the most repressed labor organization in the country is FENSUAGRO,

Therefore be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council extend its solidarity to Colombian trade union leader Nidia Quintero, from the National Federation of Unified Agricultural Workers Unions FENSUAGRO, on her visit to the Bay Area in mid-April 2018 and encourage members of San Francisco unions to meet with her and hear what she has to say at public events and smaller gatherings.

Submitted by David Welsh, NALC 214, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on March 12, 2018.

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