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Resolution to Oppose Retaliation against SEIU 1021 Member Cheryl Thornton & Opposition to Workplace Bullying and Racist Discrimination in the City and County of San Francisco

Whereas, there has been a pattern of discrimination and racism against SEIU 1021 Potrero Hill Health Center Worker Cheryl Thornton; and

Whereas, there has been a pattern of retaliation against whistleblowers and African American workers who work for the city and county of San Francisco; and

Whereas, the right of all workers to have a safe and healthy environment is critical to all public workers and the public whom they serve; and

Whereas, there is a national epidemic of workplace bullying that harms all working people; and

Whereas, there needs to be an education campaign and political campaign to defend all worker's rights and stop the bullying on the job; and

Whereas, the City and County of San Francisco has spent tens of millions of dollars to workers who have been bullied by management, illegally discriminated and bullied by management,

Therefore be it Resolved the San Francisco Labor Council opposes the discrimination against SEIU 1021 member Cheryl Thornton and calls on DPH Director Barbara Garcia to return her to her job at the Potrero Hill Health Center, and

Be it Further Resolved this Council calls on all candidates for Mayor and members of the Board of Supervisors to support the return of Cheryl Thornton to this job and to investigate the systemic racism and workplace bullying in the city and county of San Francisco, and

Be it Finally Resolved this Council urges all affiliates to support a defense rally and education campaign to defend African American and all workers in the City and County of San Francisco.

Submitted by Brenda Barros, SEIU 1021; Alysabeth Alexander, SEIU 1021; Maureen Dugan, CNA; and Alisa Messer, AFT 2121 and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on May 14, 2018.

Respectfully,

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