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Resolution Condemning NutriAsia's Labor Violations and Violence Against Striking Workers

Whereas, NutriAsia, which manufactures UFC catsup, Mang Tomas lechon sauce, Datu Puti vinegar, Silver Swan soy sauce, Papa and Golden Fiesta, has ignored orders by the Philippine Labor Department to regularize its workers and has continued a pattern of aggressive violation of workers' rights to organize and demand decent pay and working conditions; and

Whereas, NutriAsia's willful labor violations have escalated into violence against and bloody dispersal of striking workers, resulting in scores injured and the arrest of 19 workers and supporters, including Filipino American journalists; and

Whereas, these actions have led to a nationwide outcry, including a Catholic bishop as well as the National Council of Churches in the Philippines condemning NutriAsia's brutal treatment of its workers and supporting a boycott of NutriAsia products; and

Whereas, in San Francisco, a coalition of labor and community organizers joined forces to highlight the atrocities perpetrated by NutriAsia and succeeded in convincing the organizers of the Pistahan Festival, the Bay Area's biggest Filipino festival, to sever ties with NutriAsia, one of the event's largest sponsors; and

Whereas, the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), the official voice of the 500,000 Asian and Pacific Islander labor union members in the AFL-CIO, has officially condemned NutriAsia and its violent actions against lawfully striking workers and supports a boycott of its products; now

Therefore be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council stands in solidarity with the more than 200 hundred workers who have been striking against low wages, very poor working conditions, and against contractualization and condemns the horrendous labor practices and violent, union-busting actions of NutriAsia; and

Be it Finally Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council commends the Pistahan Parade for its bold action to drop ties with NutriAsia and supports the collaborative organizing efforts of local community and labor organizations, including Anakbayan-USA, SOMA Pilipinas, Filipino Community Center, Bayanihan Community Center, Nation Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAFCON), Migrante, and APALA.

Submitted by the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, SF Chapter (APALA-SF); Conny Ford, OPEIU 29; Alisa Messer, AFT 2121; and Kim Tavaglione, NUHW, and unanimously adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on August 13, 2018.

Respectfully,

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