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Resolution in Support of the “Good Jobs and Healthy Communities” Campaign

Whereas, unemployment and underemployment, lack of access to health foods and retail services and other factors contribute to the decline of vibrant, healthy communities; and

Whereas, the first Target store in SF is scheduled to open in October 2012 and the 2nd Target store is opening in 2013; in the past year, Fresh & Easy/Tesco has opened 3 grocery stores with 2 other stores announced; national chains like Whole Foods and Fresh & Easy are replacing Cala Foods and other large, unionized grocery stores; and Walmart is reported to be actively looking to open stores in SF; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Labor Council has always stood opposed to these low-road corporate chain stores that exploit conditions to expand the “race to the bottom” business models where resources are siphoned from communities, where employees are mistreated, and which undermine small businesses that are the backbone of our local economy; and

Whereas, studies have shown that Walmart’s entry into a new market has had negative effects on existing retailers, including those with large unionized workforces, that include significant decline of sales and wages, benefits and job security to its employees; and

Whereas, Jobs with Justice SF is building a broad based alliance of labor, small businesses, community, faith organizations and concerned residents that advocate for strategic policies and initiatives for the retail and grocery industry that:

- * Raise labor standards for retail and grocery workers;
- * Increase access to healthy foods in under-served communities; and
- * Protect and support small, locally owned businesses; and

Whereas, Jobs with Justice SF, working closely with Supervisor Eric Mar, has developed a comprehensive package of legislation that advocates for **Good Jobs and Healthy Communities** that includes:

- Advocating for formula retail businesses to be required to comply with higher community and labor standards and provide quality jobs and to be a good neighbors in San Francisco;
- Incentives for supermarkets to open in underserved neighborhoods and vacant sites citywide;
- Creates new regulations on self-check machines proliferating at some chain stores like Fresh and Easy and Walmart; and
- Strengthens our City’s existing formula retail ordinance; and

Whereas, Supervisor Eric Mar has introduced the first piece of legislation supporting a small business incentive program on Tuesday, September 25, 2012,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council endorses the **Good Jobs and Healthy Communities legislative platform** and urges its affiliates to support it; and

Be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council will work closely with Jobs with Justice SF and Supervisor Mar's office in the effort to see that this legislative platform is passed and put into law.

Submitted by Conny Ford, OPEIU 3; Elloise Patton, UFCW 5; and John Ulrich, UFCW 5 and adopted unanimously by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on October 1, 2012.

Respectfully,



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