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MEMBERS OF S.F. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION TO STOP DEPORTATIONS, EXTEND DEFERRED ACTION AND STOP THE FIRINGS; PROTECT OUR FAMILIES CAMPAIGN CONVENES PRESS CONFERENCE

SAN FRANCISCO - Under the banner of the PROTECT OUR FAMILIES CAMPAIGN, numerous San Francisco-based labor and community organizations will convene a press conference, joined by Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, to announce their support for a Board of Supervisors resolution that calls on President Obama to (1) stop the separation of families due to immigration deportations (close to 2 million under Obama's administration), (2) extend Deferred Action, or DACA, to all eligible members of undocumented families, and (3) end to the firings of undocumented workers by ending the employer sanctions, the I-9 audits and the use of the E-Verify system.

Twenty-nine Members of Congress, at the initiative of Congresspersons Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and Yvette Clark (D-N.Y.), sent an Open Letter to President Obama on December 5, 2013 [see attached], with the demands of stopping the deportations and extending Deferred Action. President Obama has the authority to act on these demands — including stopping the I-9 audits and the use of the E-Verify system — via "executive order." In fact, Obama has already made use of such executive order to grant Deferred Action (that is, a stay on deportations) to the children of undocumented immigrants (DREAMers) and, more recently, to the families of undocumented immigrants serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

To date, 534 labor, community, religious and human rights organizations have supported the Congressional Letter to Obama, and many are introducing resolutions in their City Councils, urging support for the call on Obama to take action to protect the families of undocumented immigrants. The San Francisco resolution, for example, is modeled after the resolution introduced December 13, 2013, by Council member Gil Cedillo to the Los Angeles City Council.

WHAT: Press conference with San Francisco Labor Council Executive Director Tim Paulson; SEIU 87 President Olga Miranda; Supervisors David Campos and David Chiu as well as other Board of Supervisor members; San Francisco Organizing Project; Jobs with Justice; Causa Justa; POWER; Unite Here 2 and labor and immigrant rights leaders

WHEN: Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 11:00 AM

WHERE: San Francisco City Hall Steps
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco

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