LABOR IN THE SCHOOLS PILOT PROJECT

Whereas the California Federation of Teachers Executive Council and the United Educators of San Francisco Executive Board passed the following resolution:

“Whereas vast resources are being expended by anti-union forces in politics, legislatures and the courts to eradicate worker rights and destroy unions, and

Whereas little is taught about labor history and the role of unions in our schools and colleges, and

Whereas students will become workers and voters of tomorrow, and need to understand the important role of unions within our society, and

Whereas the CFT has long demonstrated its commitment to teaching about labor through its support for the CFT Labor in the Schools Committee, the UTLA Collective Bargaining Education Project, and the Speaker’s Commission on Labor Education, and

Whereas the Speaker’s Commission on Labor Education is seeking to institutionalize labor education in several large urban districts utilizing proven methods of labor education for K-12 students, including the model developed by the Los Angeles Collective Bargaining Education Project, and

Whereas supporting a teacher in key urban districts who could work full time to train other teachers within their classrooms on labor education would benefit public education, teachers and students of California, and the labor movement at large,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Federation of Teachers support the effort of the Speaker’s Commission on Labor Education to create a K-12 labor education program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFT work with appropriate parties in the labor movement, state legislature, school districts, and college and university labor education programs to facilitate the creation of a California ‘Labor in the Schools’ program.”

And whereas the Friedrichs vs. CTA case has only intensified the need to educate future generations about the critical role of labor unions in the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council support the effort of the Speaker’s Commission on Labor Education to create a K-12 labor education program, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council work with appropriate parties in the labor movement, the state legislature, the San Francisco Unified School District
(as appropriate), and college and university labor education programs to help facilitate the creation of a California “Labor in the Schools” program.


Respectfully,

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