Resolution in Support of the Frisco Five Hunger Strikers

Whereas, the San Francisco Labor Council passed a resolution Dec. 14, 2015 on the San Francisco police killing of Mario Woods, calling for an independent investigation of the shooting, and if justified by the findings, the prosecution of the officers who fired their guns; and

Whereas, there have been a number of other police killings, including those of Luis Gongora, Alex Nieto, Kenneth Harding, and Amilcar Perez Lopez; and

Whereas, a second set of racist and homophobic text message exchanges by San Francisco police officers has been disclosed; and

Whereas, recognition of the sacrifices of the “Frisco Five” (Cristina Gutierrez, Ilyich Sato, Ike Pinkston, Selassie Blackwell and Edwin Lindo) is in order; and

Whereas, despite the outpouring of protests against police killings over the past few years in San Francisco and across the country, killings by police continue, disproportionately affecting Black, Latino and Native American people; and

Whereas the current investigation of the San Francisco Police Department is inadequate,

Therefore be it resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council reiterate its call for a full, comprehensive investigation of the SFPD, including a Patterns and Practices investigation under the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice; and

Be it further resolved that the SFLC President appoint a committee of SFLC delegates to meet with District Attorney George Gasçon in order to articulate the position of the SFLC and get a clearer understanding about the status of the current investigation of the SFPD; and

Be it further resolved that this appointed committee present a report at the SFLC Executive Council and Delegates meetings following the meeting with Gasçon; and

Be it further resolved that the SFLC call on Mayor Edwin Lee and District Attorney George Gasçon to drop the charges immediately against the 33 protesters who were arrested at City Hall on Friday, May 6, 2016; and
Be it finally resolved that the SFLC call for the cessation of all attacks on media workers covering the news about the Frisco 5 and their supporters.

Submitted by Susan Solomon, UESF, and Fred Pecker, ILWU 6, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on May 9, 2016.

Respectfully,

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