Resolution in Support of Extending Temporary Protected Status for All Affected Groups

WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to a large immigrant population that makes our community and our economy strong and vibrant; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s immigrant residents include thousands of individuals from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, Syria and other countries around the world who have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by the federal government;

WHEREAS, nationwide, there are an estimated 340,000 TPS holders, including 212,000 individuals from El Salvador, the largest concentration of which resides in California;

WHEREAS, TPS provides protection from deportation and employment authorization to individuals from countries that have experienced armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other life-threatening conditions;

WHEREAS, TPS protections must be regularly renewed to remain in effect;

WHEREAS, TPS protections for nationals of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Sudan, and Somalia have been in place for approximately 20 years and TPS protections have recently been extended to residents of Haiti and Syria following devastating natural and man-made disasters in those countries;

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has indicated that it is strongly considering declining to renew TPS, thereby placing hundreds of thousands of individuals at risk of imminent deportation and depriving them of the means to make a living and support their families;

WHEREAS, TPS holders have developed deep ties to the San Francisco Bay Area, raising families, starting businesses, buying homes, and making other valuable contributions to our city;

WHEREAS, conditions in TPS designated countries remain dangerous and unsafe such that deportation to those countries would place individuals and their families at grave risk;

WHEREAS, an end to TPS would harm the San Francisco Bay Area by throwing the lives of long-term city residents into chaos, separating parents from their children, and damaging the local economy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Labor Council hereby commits to sending a letter to President Trump and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Elaine Duke calling on them to renew TPS protections for all eligible individuals.
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Labor Council will send copies of the letter to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Labor Council will send a letter calling on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to pass a similar resolution.

Submitted by Allan Fisher, AFT 2121; Ana Fisher, AFT Local 2121; and Rodger Scott, AFT 2121, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on September 11, 2017.

Respectfully,

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