Resolution Regarding Verdict in Zarate Trial

Whereas, the jury in the Garcia Zarate trial concluded, after lengthy deliberation, that the tragic death of Kate Steinle was a tragic accident; and

Whereas we support the procedural integrity of the judicial process and believe the acquittal of Garcia Zarate was the result of systematic analyses and discussions of pertinent evidence—not the political views or affiliations of the 12 jurors; and

Whereas, without regard to the actual circumstances of the shooting, anti-immigrant forces, especially those aligned with Donald Trump, used the fact that a Latino immigrant was responsible for the death of a white woman in the Sanctuary City of San Francisco to launch a vicious and hysterical attack on immigrants in general and on Sanctuary cities; and

Whereas, we oppose federal, state and local laws that impose criminal penalties on immigrants, especially the laws making re-entering the country without documents after having been deported a felony—as in the case of Garcia Zarate; and

Whereas we oppose the deportations of hardworking, law-abiding immigrants who contribute to the U.S. economy and to their local communities; and

Whereas we urge the U.S. government to stop implementing immigration policies that divide families, and

Whereas we support cancelling or re-negotiating NAFTA to ensure that trade agreements do not displace or impoverish people in neighboring countries, which leads to forced migration,

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council clearly and unequivocally stands behind the verdict in the Zarate trial, and firmly and unequivocally denounces the racist and fascistic attacks on immigrants and threats against Sanctuary, and

Be it Finally Resolved the SFLC continue to find avenues to make our views on this issue known to the broader community, to mobilize in support of immigrants whenever and wherever necessary to defeat the attacks on immigrants and sanctuary and defeat the racist, fascist Trump/Pence regime that is behind these attacks.

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