LGBTQ Leaders and Community Allies Picket with Striking Hospitality Workers

San Francisco – Today, dozens of LGBTQ leaders joined the picket lines at the Marriott Marquis, where hospitality workers, members of Unite Here Local 2, continue into the eighth week of the strike against seven Marriott hotels in the City.

As the cost of living has soared in the Bay Area – and as hotels charge higher and higher rates – Unite Here 2 and the San Francisco Labor Movement want to make sure that hospitality employees aren’t left behind. We believe #one job should be enough: enough to pay the bills, enough to raise a family, enough to retire with dignity.

Cleve Jones, Unite Here member and LGBTQ leader, told the striking workers, “The LGBTQ movement has always known the power and the value of the labor movement and been dedicated to advancing the lives of all of us who struggle so hard.”

“We must come together and see ourselves as one community standing together for a common cause: justice. Our history in San Francisco is one of unity between LGBTQ and organized labor and we must show each other that time has strengthened this bond and we will continue to stand with one another,” said Rudy Gonzalez, executive director of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Tomorrow marks the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. Union workers plan to march with the LGBTQ community in solidarity and remembrance. We will gather at 7:00 PM at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro & Market Streets) and march together to City Hall.

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