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Resolution in Support of the Defense of Whistleblower & Journalist Julian Assange

Whereas, Julian Assange has helped expose the role of the US and other governments of war crimes and violations of international law; and

Whereas, Assange and WikiLeaks have helped expose the Panama papers and the Podesta emails which have shown the collusion between government officials, politicians and corrupt billionaires and corporate owners; and

Whereas, the US government along with the UK government are seeking to push Julian Assange out of the London Ecuadoran consulate and for his arrest by the May UK government and his deportation in the United States for criminal prosecution; and

Whereas, there is a systemic effort by the US government to harass, repress and jail reporters and whistleblowers who exposed corruption and criminal activities by government officials; and

Whereas, US politicians have called for the murder and torture of Julian Assange to silence him; and

Whereas, the Australian Media, Arts and Entertainment Alliance (MEAA) union made Julian Assange an honorary member for life, waived his fees and called for the defense of his rights, <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2010-12-23/journalists-union-shows-support-for-assange/2383428>; and

Whereas, the Pacifica Radio Network, Daniel Ellsberg, Oliver Stone and others have called for his defense and freedom,

Therefore be it Resolved the San Francisco Labor Council defends the rights of journalists and whistleblowers and opposes prosecution which could affect all whistleblowers in the US; and

Be it Finally Resolved the San Francisco Labor Council urges our representatives to oppose the criminal prosecution of Julian Assange **for whistleblowing activities** and will forward this for concurrence by affiliated bodies.

Submitted by Richard Stone, APWU, and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council as amended on February 4, 2019.

Respectfully,

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