



SF LABOR STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A GREEN NEW DEAL

Labor resolution shows unified support for a Green New Deal with strong labor and community provisions.

April 12, 2020 – The San Francisco Labor Council, AFL-CIO is publicly calling on a Green New Deal “that includes a strong and binding commitment” to support workers and communities impacted by the transitioning economy. The announcement comes following a unanimous vote by the Council’s executive leadership on March 25th, 2019 and a unanimous floor vote at the April 8th delegate meeting.

Unions in San Francisco are faced with the undeniable consequences of climate change and building upon a 2017 AFL-CIO national resolution on climate change, are weighing in with a renewed sense of urgency. If we are to have a just economy, it must include environmental policies that support workers and a just transition for our communities.

“An economy that only works for energy bosses and their corporate allies must be challenged. And to challenge it, we have to think beyond the trap of pitting workers against climate change policy. As we see our firefighters, nurses and utility workers face the impacts of climate disaster on a daily basis, we have to keep frontline workers and disproportionately impacted communities at the forefront of a just transition to a cleaner and healthier economy. A new green economy must be shaped now and with this in mind.” -Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director

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National resolution here: <https://aflcio.org/resolutions/resolution-55-climate-change-energy-and-union-jobs>

SF resolution here: <http://sflaborcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/04-08-19ResSFLC-Green-New-Deal-Final.pdf>