



Statement on the Driving for Social Justice Campaign

Driving for Social Justice will strengthen Haiti's First Responders and Education System

July 13, 2020 – The San Francisco Labor Council (SFLC) is proud to support Those Angels, Inc. and the commune of Carrefour, Haiti. Those Angels, Inc., a non-profit organization which fights inequality by supporting children of Haiti, spearheaded the effort to secure donated buses and an ambulance. The Council partnered with Supervisor Ahsha Safai to raise awareness of the initiative and contributed \$5000 in direct financial assistance.

This coordinated effort includes SEIU 1021, ATU 192 and Teamsters 665. Drivers of Teamsters 665 will embark on July 14, 2020, at 10:00 AM, and drive the three charter buses and one ambulance 3,000 miles from San Francisco to Florida, getting them closer to their final destination of Haiti.

Once in Haiti, the buses will be used to transport students who otherwise would not have access to education. The operation and maintenance of the buses will also provide important work for the community. The ambulance, which was donated by Ross Valley Fire Department in Marin County, is destined for Carrefour, a commune in the outskirts of Port-Au-Prince and will support their first responder program.

“This project epitomizes who we are and our mission. We are honored that Those Angels, Inc. selected us to assist in this humanitarian project,” said Rudy Gonzalez, executive director of the San Francisco Labor Council. “Our support of delivering the buses and ambulance to Haiti shows once again that our solidarity is without borders.”

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The SF Labor Council, AFL-CIO, is a coalition of over 130 unions representing 100,000 working people in San Francisco.