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Kim Tavaglione Selected as Interim Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council

San Francisco, CA –Kim Tavaglione has been named Interim Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council. Tavaglione is the first woman, and first woman of color, to lead the Council in its more than 125-year history.

“Our movement faces unprecedented challenges and Kim is always willing to fight for workers. Knowing Kim will be at the helm gives me great confidence in the future of SF Labor and I look forward to continuing to work with in her our new roles,” said outgoing Executive Director Rudy Gonzalez, who is heading to the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

“Workers are hurting in this pandemic and we need leaders who are ready and willing to fight for them,” said Anand Singh, President of Unite Here 2. “Kim brings steadfast experience in the labor movement to our Council at a pivotal time”.

“As a woman of color in the labor movement, I am proud to see Kim take on this important role,” said Theresa Rutherford, Vice President of SEIU 1021. “We have every confidence that her leadership will promote solidarity and progress for working families.”

Tavaglione joined the staff as Campaign Director in September of 2018 after serving as an Executive Committee member for nearly a decade. Tavaglione rebuilt a successful Labor-Neighbor program, resulting in electoral successes and increased civic engagement among union workers. She directed the issues and independent expenditure political programs, and led key strategic campaigns for the SFLC. Prior to her work at the Council, she served as a community and political director for the National Union of Healthcare Workers. As Interim Executive Director, Kim Tavaglione will lead the staff team to assist affiliate unions with political mobilization, contract campaigns, and strategic organizing.

“The mission of the San Francisco Labor Council has never been more urgent,” said Tavaglione. “I am honored to take on this role and look forward to continuing our vital work as we lead the fight to secure a just future for workers and their families.”

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