



San Mateo County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO Resolution Regarding Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association

WHEREAS:

America's economy has swung out of balance, and everyday Americans are working more than ever before;

WHEREAS:

Our work has created record wealth for an economic recovery that's been everywhere but ordinary peoples' wallets;

WHEREAS:

Our economic rules unfairly favor corporate CEOs and the rich because they manipulate the rules in their favor;

WHEREAS:

Almost no one stands up for average Americans these days, and now the Supreme Court case of Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association threatens to make it even worse;

WHEREAS:

A decision favorable to the plaintiffs would overturn existing state and local laws that protect the rights of working people;

WHEREAS:

A decision favorable to the plaintiffs could decimate public service workers such as police, firefighters, correctional officers, social workers, nurses, teachers and other educators, to band together;

WHEREAS:

A decision favorable to the plaintiffs would set an extremely dangerous precedent, and embolden right wing anti-union extremists determined to destroy the rights of all working people across all sectors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The San Mateo County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO and its affiliates will seek to inform all local unions, elected officials, progressive allies, and the general public about the potential impact of this upcoming decision, how it is part of a larger plan to destroy the labor movement, and how it further tips the scales in favor of big corporations and the wealthy few.

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