



Resolution on Safe With Us Campaign

WHEREAS, President Trump has passed a series of Executive Orders advancing the building of a border wall between Mexico and the United States, creating a mass deportation force aimed at expediting deportation processes of immigrant and refugee families; threatening to strip federal funding from cities across the country who stand with immigrant and refugee families; and enforcing a Muslim ban on permanent residents, immigrants and refugees from Majority Muslim countries; and

WHEREAS, a report published by the Economic Policy Institute finds that people of color will become a majority of the American working class by 2032; and

WHEREAS, anti-immigrant, racist, sexist, xenophobic and Islamophobic rhetoric are more prevalent and have become normalized through Mr. Trump's rhetoric, actions and policies; and

WHEREAS, undocumented communities are being systematically targeted detained and deported in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) workplace and home raids;

WHEREAS, restricting immigration enforced activities and the presence of immigration agents at worksites, school campuses and other safe spaces help protect the harassment of at-risk vulnerable communities, strengthen local economies, increase labor force participation, and lower unemployment and crime rates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo Labor Council reaffirms our commitment to protect workers of color, people of all spiritual beliefs, LGBTQ communities women and children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we recommend that the leadership of International Unions, locals and their affiliates join us in declaring themselves sites of safe spaces where no one shall be targeted due to immigration status, sexual/gender identity, national origin, or religious/spiritual belief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we recommend that the leadership of International Unions, Locals and their affiliates join us in working alongside grassroots and community organizations in helping provide services, assistance and information should people experience interactions with police and immigration enforcement officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we ask that that the leadership of International Unions, Locals and their affiliates join us in advocating for the protection of all workers regardless of immigration status, sexual/gender identity, national origin, or religious/spiritual belief through collective bargaining agreements to prevent aiding in any federal efforts to detain working people or to create a registry based on protected characteristics; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the San Mateo Labor Council will continue to work with the leadership of International Unions, Locals and their affiliates, Central Labor Councils and Worker Centers in our collective efforts to protect and advance the needs of workers of color, people of all religious/spiritual beliefs, LGBTQ communities, and women and children.

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