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## Resolution in Support of SRVEA Campaign

WHEREAS, the San Ramon Valley Education Association (SRVEA) is currently waging a pro-active contract campaign fighting for the BEST FOR THEIR STUDENTS—Best Class Sizes, Best Supports and Best Educators. SRVEA members are fighting for improved salary and benefits, but also for improved working and learning conditions, such as lower class sizes; more counselors, nurses, librarians, and other support personnel; support for Special Education; and

WHEREAS, SRVEA is currently involved in impasse procedures and preparing to strike, if necessary, this spring, for a contract that invests in their students, their schools, and their educators; and

WHEREAS, the success of SRVEA will set a pattern for other contract negotiations throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the powerful cross-local unity exhibited during the red state teacher strikes of last spring, resulting in increased salaries and funding for public education, brought educators together irrespective of state or national affiliation;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO commits to supporting solidarity actions in support of the SRVEA contract campaign, including:

- Publicizing the progress of the SRVEA contract campaign in all internal communications.
- Inviting SRVEA leaders to speak before the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO elected bodies.
- Holding site meetings to discuss the issues and importance of the SRVEA contract campaign, as well as organizing solidarity actions at work sites.
- Preparing members to wear red shirts to work ("Red for Ed") in solidarity with SRVEA when they take a significant action.
- Staging solidarity "walk-ins" before work in the event of a strike.
- Initiating and/or joining local and regional support rallies in the event of a strike.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO will advocate within CTA/CFT [whichever appropriate] for a similar statewide call to action.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event SRVEA has to strike in order to win their contract campaign that addresses smaller class sizes and more student support, Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO will pledge \$1,000 to SRVEA's strike fund to support SRVEA members and their important struggle for all educators to defend and strengthen public education.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board will take responsibility for implementing this motion.

Submitted by Ann Katzburg, San Ramon Valley Education Association  
Presented to & adopted by the delegate body on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020