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**Support for the "Millionaires Tax to Restore Funding for Education and Essential Services Act of 2012"**

Whereas, California's Legislature has, for more than a decade, been unable to adequately fund those things that once made our state great, including public education, necessary social services, public safety, and infrastructure; and

Whereas, the increasing budget deficit has come in a climate, both statewide and nationally, of attacks on the collective bargaining rights of workers, the professionalism of teachers, social workers, and nurses, and indeed the very idea of unionism; and

Whereas, California's financial plight is not inevitable but the result of political choices made by a small minority of legislators to preserve inadequate tax rates for the richest residents of the state while balancing the state budget on the backs of those who can least afford it; and

Whereas, the state of California is one of but a handful of states that require a two-thirds legislative supermajority to pass new taxes, and each year a small minority of legislators, opposed to tax increases on ideological grounds, blocks the will of the majority and prevents a balanced approach including increased revenues, to solving the budget crisis, and they have done so again this year, inflicting great harm on our state's ability to function adequately; and

Whereas, California's fiscal crisis, created in large part by our inequitable tax structure, negatively impacts working people and their families across demographic and professional lines; and

Whereas, the SFLC has taken a leadership role in advocating for fair taxation in California as reflected in resolutions passed by the Council in May 2008, September 2009, and December 2011, by convening a standing committee to further fair tax policy, and by hosting in-house educational forums, a regional conference in 2011, and subsequent phone conferences; and

Whereas, the "Millionaires Tax to Restore Funding for Education and Essential Services Act of 2012" will raise \$6 billion in new revenues for the state of California by asking only those people who make in excess of \$1 million per year to pay their fair share of taxes to support education and services; and

Whereas, this revenue will benefit communities and create jobs across California,

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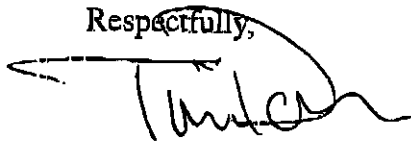
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Therefore Be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council recommend to the California Labor Federation endorsement of the "Millionaires Tax to Restore Funding for Education and Essential Services Act of 2012" and actively work to support its passage in preparation for the November 2012 elections.

Submitted by Gus Goldstein, AFT 2121, and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on January 3, 2012.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Paulson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Tim Paulson  
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