

1 [Condemning the September 24, 2010, FBI Raids]

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Resolution Condemning the September 24, 2010, FBI raids on Trade Union, Anti-War, and Solidarity Activists.

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WHEREAS, On the morning of September 24, 2010, in coordinated raids, FBI agents entered eight homes and offices of trade union and anti-war activists in Minneapolis and Chicago, confiscating computers, passports, books, cell phones, notebooks and personal belongings. The FBI served subpoenas to at least thirteen activists to appear before a Federal Grand Jury; and

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WHEREAS, The majority of those targeted by the FBI raids had participated in anti-war protests at the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul MN, which resulted in hundreds of beatings and arrests, with almost all charges subsequently dropped; and

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WHEREAS, The nationally coordinated dawn raids and fishing expedition marks a new and dangerous chapter in the protracted assault on the First Amendment rights of every union fighter, solidarity activist or anti-war campaigner, which began with 9/11 and the USA Patriot Act. There is now great concern that the FBI is using the pretext of investigating "terrorism" in an attempt to intimidate activists; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors denounces the Sept. 24, 2010, FBI raids on the homes and offices of trade union, solidarity and anti-war activists in Minneapolis, Chicago and elsewhere; the confiscation of computers and personal belongings; and the issuance of Grand Jury subpoenas. The FBI raids are reminiscent of the Palmer Raids, McCarthy hearings, J. Edgar Hoover, and COINTELPRO, and mark a new and

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