

1 [Fairness and Safety for Employees in San Francisco Residential Buildings.]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Service Employees International Union, Local 1877, in**  
4 **their efforts to maintain and improve standards for residential building service**  
5 **workers and the quality of service in San Francisco’s residential buildings, and to**  
6 **call on Frank and Walter Lembi to re-establish the high quality, family-supporting**  
7 **jobs at Nob Hill Towers.**

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9 WHEREAS, employees in San Francisco’s residential buildings provide essential  
10 services and improve the quality of life for all residents; and

11 WHEREAS, good-paying, union jobs with family health benefits are a boost to the local  
12 economy, as the doormen and janitors at 1221 Jones Street (“Nob Hill Tower”) have had for  
13 over 15 years as members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1877;  
14 and,

15 WHEREAS, Frank and Walter Lembi, owners of many San Francisco residential  
16 buildings, recently purchased the Nob Hill Tower at 1221 Jones Street, a facility which at the  
17 time of purchase had provided decent wages and family health insurance to a number of San  
18 Francisco families due to high quality, union jobs; and,

19 WHEREAS, After purchasing the Nob Hill Tower, the new ownership eliminated all  
20 union positions; and,

21 WHEREAS, All San Francisco residents have a right to quality housing that meets all  
22 standards established by the Department of Building Inspection; and,

23 WHEREAS, buildings owned by the Lembis across San Francisco have more than 50  
24 outstanding complaints of building inspections violations, according to Department of Building  
25 Inspections information; and,

1           WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco recognizes and supports the rights  
2 of workers to organize and join unions; and,

3           WHEREAS, SEIU Local 1877 is organizing workers in residential buildings across San  
4 Francisco to improve the quality of service and raise the job standards in the industry; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby supports the Service  
7 Employees International Union, Local 1877, in their efforts to maintain and improve standards  
8 for residential building service workers and the quality of service in San Francisco's  
9 residential buildings; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby call on  
11 Frank and Walter Lembi to re-establish the high quality, family-supporting jobs at Nob Hill  
12 Towers and to begin the process of negotiating a fair and responsible contract with the  
13 employees and SEIU Local 1877.

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