

1 [Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 1736]

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Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis to sign Senate Bill 1736.

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WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill 1736 (SB1736) was passed by the California State Legislature and is awaiting a decision from Governor Gray Davis; and,

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WHEREAS, SB 1736 would enable farmworkers who are unable to negotiate contracts with growers to resolve impasses with management in binding arbitration; and,

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WHEREAS, The United Farm Workers (UFW) launched a 150-mile march from Merced to Sacramento and will hold a rally on August 25th at the State Capitol to demonstrate their support for this legislation; and,

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WHEREAS, The UFW reports that 75% of farmworkers earn less than \$10,000 a year and that 90% have no health coverage; and,

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WHEREAS, The UFW posits that SB 1736 would “fill a hole” in the state’s Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which authorized union elections but left few remedies when agreements are not reached; and,

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WHEREAS, Out of the 428 elections that the UFW has won in the past 27 years, the union has arrived at a contract with only 185 growers; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges Governor Gray Davis to sign SB 1736; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors transmit copies of this resolution to the office of Governor Gray Davis.