

1 [In Solidarity with the Workers of the Mexican Electricians Union]

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3 **Resolution urging Congress and President Obama to urge President Felipe Calderon**
4 **and the Mexican Federal Government to immediately re-instate the workers of the**
5 **Mexican Electricians Union and remove all military and police personnel from the**
6 **occupied Mexican power plants.**

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8 WHEREAS, Organized labor plays a vital role in creating and defending fair labor
9 standards to prevent unnecessary poverty for working families and the San Francisco Board
10 of Supervisors is a supporter of organized labor both domestically and abroad; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco currently and historically has been a union town that stands
12 in solidarity with labor struggles both domestically and abroad and the San Francisco Board of
13 Supervisors is strongly committed to Organized Labor's right to exist and to organize; and,

14 WHEREAS, On October 10, 2009 the Mexican government militarily occupied power
15 plants in central Mexico to lock out 44,000 electrical workers; and

16 WHEREAS, President Felipe Calderon closed the public utility company Luz y Fuerza
17 del Centro in an effort to break the Mexican Electricians Union (SME) and to privatize Mexican
18 energy to sell to transnational corporations; and

19 WHEREAS, The attempt to unilaterally destroy the Mexican Electricians Union,
20 disregarding their legally binding labor contract and labor laws, is an extreme human rights
21 violation and a threat to all organized labor in Mexico and internationally; and,

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Labor Council, with support from the South Bay AFL-
23 CIO Labor Council, Santa Clara County Building Trades Council, Plumbers & Fitters Local
24 393, UFCW 5, many other unions and councils, MAIZ Movimiento de Accion Inspirando

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1 Servicio and many other community organizations, have sponsored the Mexican Electricians
2 Union's tour seeking solidarity with unions in California; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the
4 San Francisco Labor Council, the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, Santa Clara County
5 Building Trades Council, Plumbers & Fitters Local 393, UFCW 5, and Movimiento de Accion
6 Inspirando and condemns the violent aggression that Mexican President Felipe Calderon and
7 the Mexican Federal Government has committed against the Mexican Electricians Union; and
8 be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress
10 and President Obama to urge President Felipe Calderon and the Mexican Federal
11 Government to immediately re-instate the workers of the Mexican Electricians Union and
12 remove all military and police personnel from the occupied Mexican power plants so that
13 union members can return to work.

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