

1 [Urging the San Francisco Giants to Support Ballpark Workers]

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3 **Resolution supporting ballpark workers who are now unemployed due to COVID-19,**  
4 **and the unreasonable response by billionaire owners of the San Francisco Giants, who**  
5 **are unwilling to negotiate in good faith to support the well-being and future ballpark**  
6 **workers during this global pandemic.**

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8 WHEREAS, Our nation continues to experience an outbreak of COVID-19, deemed  
9 pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the service worker industry in hospitality and leisure are  
11 experiencing an unemployment rate of 28.9%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor  
12 Statistics; and

13 WHEREAS, The burden of the COVID-19 pandemic has not been shared equally but  
14 instead fallen disproportionately on low-wage workers and communities of color; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the Washington Post, the Black and Latinx communities are  
16 disproportionately affected by furloughs, while the White unemployment rate is around 10%,  
17 Black and Lantinx unemployment rates are 15.4% and 14.5%, respectively, according to the  
18 Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

19 WHEREAS, Employees earning less than \$20 per hour were 115% more likely than  
20 those making \$30 an hour or more to be laid off, low-wage workers are six times less to be  
21 able to work from home than high-income workers, and

22 WHEREAS, According to the New York Times, 36,000,000 people filed unemployment  
23 claims in a two-month period as a direct result of COVID-19; and

24 WHEREAS, Oracle Park workers were already struggling to make ends meet before  
25 the COVID-19 pandemic and many worked multiple jobs to support their families; and

1           WHEREAS, Approximately 2,000 ballpark workers have now been locked out of their  
2 livelihoods and are struggling to keep their families afloat; and

3           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Giants are worth \$3.1 billion and will continue to profit  
4 even as fans cannot attend games during the 2020 Major League Baseball season; and

5           WHEREAS, Charles B. Johnson, principal owner of the San Francisco Giants, is worth  
6 an estimated \$4.4 billion; and

7           WHEREAS, The Giants team is not limited to players but also includes gameday  
8 concession workers, parking lot attendants, retail workers, ushers, security guards,  
9 maintenance staff, and ticket vendors; and

10           WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of Oracle Park workers are people of color,  
11 whose livelihoods and communities have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus;  
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13           WHEREAS, Many have loyally served fans at Giants games for decades and should be  
14 respected as part of the Giants family; and

15           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the San Francisco  
16 Giants and owner Charles Johnson to use their considerable means to support ballpark  
17 workers who are out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore, be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30  
19 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to Charles  
20 B. Johnson, principal owner of the San Francisco Giants, and his representatives.

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