

1 [Reinstating 19 Union Janitors at the New Federal Building]

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Resolution calling on Exemplar Enterprises to reinstate 19 union janitors at the new state of the art Federal Building at 90 7th Street and urging Congresswoman and Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to call upon the Government Services Agency and Exemplar Enterprises to work to reinstate the janitors at the new Federal Building.

WHEREAS, The new Federal Building at 90 7th Street opened its doors in the spring of this year; and

WHEREAS, The new state of the art building requires around the clock maintenance to support the building's longevity and overall value; and,

WHEREAS, For years, union janitors have cleaned and maintained on federal and state owned buildings in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Government Services Agency (GSA) of the Federal Government provides workspace for tens of thousands of federal employees and manages federal building assets such as the new Federal Building; and,

WHEREAS, The GSA contracts out building maintenance services for the new federal building and had been contracting with American Building Services (ABS), a union janitorial contractor for this service; and,

WHEREAS, On Thursday, September 27, 2007, ABS received notice from the GSA that starting October 1, 2007 they would no longer hold the janitorial contract for the Federal Building; and,

1 WHEREAS, The GSA awarded the cleaning contract to Exemplar Enterprises which
2 refused to maintain on its payroll the 19 union janitors who had been responsible for the
3 maintenance at the Federal Building; and,

4 WHEREAS, On Friday, September 28, 2007, these janitors received notice from ABS
5 that they would no longer be working at the building, just three days before the new Exemplar
6 crew would start; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Services Employees International Union Local 87 has made
8 numerous attempts to negotiate with Exemplar Enterprises to reinstate the former crew of 19
9 janitors to no avail; and,

10 WHEREAS, The SEIU Local 87 has been holding daily pickets outside the federal
11 building since October 1st, demanding the reinstatement of the 19 janitors; and,

12 WHEREAS, On October 2, four Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
13 Agency officials attempted to confiscate union equipment and that same day two federal
14 helicopters hovered above the picketers in an apparent attempt at intimidation; and,

15 WHEAREAS, Picketers continue to feel that they are under heavy surveillance from
16 Homeland Security Police; and,

17 WHEREAS, To this day the 19 janitors have not received any wages for janitorial work
18 since, September 28, 2007; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon Exemplar
20 Enterprises to reinstate the 19 union janitors under a collective bargaining agreement with
21 SEIU Local 87; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges
23 Congresswoman and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to call upon the GSA and Exemplar
24 Enterprises to negotiate with the union in good faith to reinstate the union janitors.
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