

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

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3 **Resolution urging President Felipe Calderon and the Mexican Federal Government to**
4 **immediately re-instate the workers of the Mexican Electricians Union and remove all**
5 **military and police personnel from the occupied Mexican power plants.**
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7 WHEREAS, Organized labor plays a vital role in creating and defending fair labor
8 standards to prevent unnecessary poverty for working families and the San Francisco Board
9 of Supervisors is a supporter of organized labor both domestically and abroad; and

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Labor Council, with support from the South Bay AFL-
22 CIO Labor Council, Santa Clara County Building Trades Council, Plumbers & Fitters Local
23 393, UFCW 5, many other unions and councils, MAIZ Movimiento de Accion Inspirando
24 Servicio and many other community organizations, have sponsored the Mexican Electricians
25 Union's tour seeking solidarity with unions in California; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the
2 San Francisco Labor Council, the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, Santa Clara County
3 Building Trades Council, Plumbers & Fitters Local 393, UFCW 5, and Movimiento de Accion
4 Inspirando and condemns the violent aggression that Mexican President Felipe Calderon and
5 the Mexican Federal Government has committed against the Mexican Electricians Union; and
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7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges President
8 Felipe Calderon and the Mexican Federal Government to immediately re-instate the workers
9 of the Mexican Electricians Union and remove all military and police personnel from the
10 occupied Mexican power plants so that union members can return to work.

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