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Resolution Opposing Proposition 85

Whereas, working women require access to a full range of health care to ensure workforce stability; and

Whereas, a major type of health care for most working women is reproductive health services; and

Whereas, the safety of teens is a significant concern for parents, working men & working women; and

Whereas, in 2005, an initiative (Prop. 73) attempted to restrict young women's access to abortion and was defeated by the narrowest margin of any initiative that year; and

Whereas, once again proponents have placed an amendment to the California Constitution on the November 2006 ballot that requires parents of minors to be notified 48 hours before an abortion and puts at risk teens seeking access to reproductive health services; and

Whereas, all parents rightly want to be involved in their teenage daughters' lives, good family communication cannot be imposed by government; and

Whereas, if a teenager gets pregnant, our first concern must be for her safety; and

Whereas, when parental notification laws make teenagers choose between talking with parents or having illegal and unsafe abortions, some teens choose the illegal abortion even though it is a threat to their lives; and

Whereas, the real answer to teen pregnancy is prevention and strong, caring families, not new laws that endanger our daughters; and

Whereas, the California Labor Federation has the capacity to lobby and organize its members to oppose this initiative,

Therefore Be It Resolved that San Francisco Labor Council is on record of being in opposition to Proposition 85 and calls on the California Labor Federation to take a position in opposition to Proposition 85 and to work with established coalition partners in California to defeat this unsafe initiative in November 2006; and

Be it Finally Resolved the San Francisco Labor Council send this resolution to its affiliates and local central labor councils urging their adoption of it as well.

Submitted by Conny Ford, OPEIU 3, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on July 10, 2006.

Respectfully,

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