



Resolution #4

POLICE BRUTALITY RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY: CALIFORNIA NURSES ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION, ROOFERS & WATERPROOFERS LOCAL 36, SEIU UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST, UFCW LOCAL 770

WHEREAS, the unmitigated viral contagion has continued to proliferate of racist police attacks against primarily Black Americans, as well as other oppressed nationalities and people, immigrants, women and workers; and

WHEREAS, there lacks accountability and transparency in the criminal justice system to ensure equal justice under the law; and

WHEREAS, the highest level of confidence in law enforcement is necessary to ensure a safe and civil society; and

WHEREAS, democratic, community control over public institutions is the best means to ensure the highest performance and public confidence in these institutions; and

WHEREAS, paper resolutions of support and sympathy are no replacement for taking leadership in the struggle in the streets of our communities and providing concrete programs for structural change to the relations of power between the police and the working class and oppressed communities in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, an injury to one is an injury to all!

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we stand in solidarity with the families and communities of all victims of police abuse and racism; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Labor Movement is committed to working together on the side of justice for all and passing comprehensive criminal justice reform, along with our community partners, civil rights, human rights and community defense organizations, that encompasses the principles of equality, fairness and justice that strengthen our democracy; and

AND THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, we support the enactment of democratic, community control over police departments, similar to that whereby school districts are administered entirely by elected boards of education, through all-elected, all-civilian, police control boards with full authority over the departments in all aspects at all levels.

Adopted by Delegates