

RESOLUTION 46

Opposing Nationwide Do Not Mail Registry

Submitted by Alameda Labor Council (Calif.), Central Labor Council of Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties (Calif.), San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council (Calif.) and San Mateo County Central Labor Council (Calif.)

Referred to the Legislation and Policy Committee

WHEREAS, the citizens of the entire nation are experiencing one of our deepest economic recessions in the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service makes up one-third of the entire federal workforce nationwide of which over 90 percent are unionized craft employees; and

WHEREAS, direct (advertising and non-profit) mail accounts for more than 50 percent of mail delivered by the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, establishing a “Do Not Mail” registry would be an extremely negative development for the continued employment of union letter carriers, clerks, mailers and postal patrons alike; and

WHEREAS, if we were unable to deliver that class of mail to our customers, it would slash our revenues and adversely affect service levels in ways we can’t begin to predict: and

WHEREAS, other unions such as the Laborers International, Teamsters and the International Association of Machinists also have jobs that rely upon the United States Postal Service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AFL-CIO goes on record opposing any action of any state legislature and/or the United States Congress to pass any resolution or legislation that would adopt a Do Not Mail Registry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AFL-CIO brings its full support and assistance in defeating any such resolution or legislation brought forward by any state legislature and/or the United States Congress, whether in committee or by an action on the floor; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the AFL-CIO transmits this resolution to all United States senators, congressional representatives and governors from all fifty (50) states.