[Urging the San Francisco Giants to Support Ballpark Workers]

Resolution supporting ballpark workers who are now unemployed due to COVID-19, and the unreasonable response by billionaire owners of the San Francisco Giants, who are unwilling to negotiate in good faith to support the well-being and future ballpark workers during this global pandemic.

WHEREAS, Our nation continues to experience an outbreak of COVID-19, deemed pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, Members of the service worker industry in hospitality and leisure are experiencing an unemployment rate of 28.9%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

WHEREAS, The burden of the COVID-19 pandemic has not been shared equally but instead fallen disproportionately on low-wage workers and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, According to the Washington Post, the Black and Latinx communities are disproportionately affected by furloughs, while the White unemployment rate is around 10%, Black and Lantinx unemployment rates are 15.4% and 14.5%, respectively, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Employees earning less than $20 per hour were 115% more likely than those making $30 an hour or more to be laid off, low-wage workers are six times less to be able to work from home than high-income workers, and

WHEREAS, According to the New York Times, 36,000,000 people filed unemployment claims in a two-month period as a direct result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Oracle Park workers were already struggling to make ends meet before the COVID-19 pandemic and many worked multiple jobs to support their families; and
WHEREAS, Approximately 2,000 ballpark workers have now been locked out of their livelihoods and are struggling to keep their families afloat; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Giants are worth $3.1 billion and will continue to profit even as fans cannot attend games during the 2020 Major League Baseball season; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Johnson, principal owner of the San Francisco Giants, is worth an estimated $4.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, The Giants team is not limited to players but also includes gameday concession workers, parking lot attendants, retail workers, ushers, security guards, maintenance staff, and ticket vendors; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of Oracle Park workers are people of color, whose livelihoods and communities have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Many have loyally served fans at Giants games for decades and should be respected as part of the Giants family; and

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the San Francisco Giants and owner Charles Johnson to use their considerable means to support ballpark workers who are out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to Charles B. Johnson, principal owner of the San Francisco Giants, and his representatives.
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August 25, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 8/25/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo           Date
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo           Date
Clerk of the Board