**Resolution in Support of AB 800 and Commitment to Workforce Readiness Education**

**Author(s):**

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**WHEREAS**, AB 800 establishes critical workforce readiness initiatives that prioritize the education and empowerment of young people and new workers across California; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation was authored by **Alameda Labor Council’s own Labor Champion, Assemblymember Liz Ortega**, who also serves as the **Chair of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee**, ensuring that the values of the labor movement are central to the policies guiding California’s future workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation seeks to address exploitation and inequality in the workplace, with a focus on providing young workers with essential labor rights, workplace protections, and skills through curriculum delivered in our schools and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, our unions recognize the importance of preparing the next generation of workers with the tools and knowledge to successfully navigate and organize in their workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the curriculum developed as part of AB 800 includes essential labor history, workers' rights, and organizing skills, offering an invaluable opportunity to engage young workers early in their careers; and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration between unions, educators, and labor councils is essential for ensuring that this curriculum reaches as many young people and new workers as possible, especially those in industries facing high levels of exploitation, such as Tesla and other tech or manufacturing sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 800 presents a unique opportunity to strengthen the labor movement by engaging the next generation in efforts to build fairer workplaces and expand the rights of working people;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that **[Union/Council Name]** fully supports the implementation of AB 800 and commits to promoting and teaching the workforce readiness curriculum at schools, community centers, and other relevant sites;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that **[Union/Council Name]** will dedicate union resources, including the involvement of our educators and members, to ensure the curriculum is accessible and impactful to students and young workers, particularly during **Workplace Readiness Week** as outlined by AB 800;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that **[Union/Council Name]** commits to collaborating with other impacted unions, central labor councils, and community stakeholders to ensure the successful rollout and widespread adoption of the curriculum, maximizing its reach and effectiveness;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that **[Union/Council Name]** will engage in outreach to other local education unions and organizations to build broad-based support for AB 800 and advocate for its full implementation, leveraging these partnerships to increase young worker engagement in the labor movement;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that **[Union/Council Name]** will remain vigilant in holding accountable those tasked with implementing AB 800 to ensure that the legislation fulfills its intended purpose of protecting and empowering the next generation of workers.