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**Resolution in Support of Business Practices Congruent with the Message
of the Occupy Movement
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Whereas the Occupy Movement has called attention to unconscionable income disparity in the United States and the laws, policies, and practices that contribute to it; and

Whereas both the AFT Seattle and the Seattle Community Colleges District (SCCD) have expressed support of the goals of the Occupy Movement; and

Whereas the AFT Seattle is developing a policy requiring socially responsible purchasing practices; and

Whereas the SCCD operates with a \$113 million dollar budget, and has no policy requiring socially responsible purchasing practices; and

Whereas the SCCD currently engages in a business relationship with Bank of America, a corporation that engages in practices that disproportionately impact lower income people and contribute to income inequality in the United States; and

Whereas Bank of America paid no federal income taxes in 2009 and 2010, and received a tax benefit of approximately \$1 billion in 2010; and

Whereas the SCCD engages in a business relationship with Georgia Pacific, a company owned by the Koch Brothers; and

Whereas the Koch Brothers have a solid and extensive record of funding organizations, legislation and candidates throughout the U.S. whose goals are to end collective bargaining rights, privatize education, reduce support for student grants and loans, and end affirmative action and aid to underserved students, in addition to other laws and policies which undermine 99% of the population; therefore be it

Resolved that the AFT Seattle call upon the SCCD to establish a policy requiring that the SCCD commit to conducting business with companies which are union-friendly, local and socially responsible; and be it further

Resolved that the SCCD plan to withdraw all accounts from Bank of America and establish accounts with a credit union or bank meeting criteria established in the new policy; and be it further

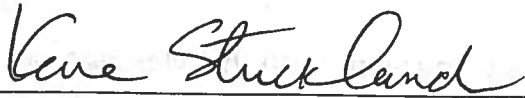
Resolved that the SCCD will, at the earliest possible date, discontinue business with Georgia-Pacific and any other company not meeting criteria defined in the new policy; and be it further

Resolved that the SCCD will report back on progress made to AFT Seattle in six months; and be it further

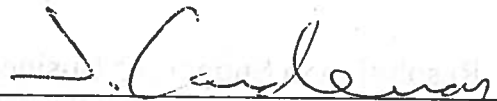
Resolved that AFT Seattle will forward this resolution to the Associated Student Councils of SVI, South, North, and Central Campuses for their consideration; and be it further

Resolved that AFT Seattle will forward this resolution to State Representative Bob Hasegawa for consideration as related to his legislative efforts to establish a state bank; and be it finally

Resolved that AFT Seattle will forward this resolution to the AFT Washington and its affiliates, the Martin Luther King County Labor Council and the Washington State Labor Council, urging unions and employers to adopt similar policies governing business practices.



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