

3. Health Care for the 99% (cont.)

This resolution also seeks to remove all profit, capital and gain from health-care thereby placing humanity, compassion and care at the core of expected health provisions. This translates in the elimination of private insurance plans and expansion of our already existing Medicare program to serve everyone who needs it; and supports existing initiatives for a single-payer program, as described in the work by *Healthcare-NOW!* for an expanded & improved Medicare for All. (www.healthcare-now.org)

4. Organizing for a Quality Public Education

This Resolution responds to the lack of effective and significant use of public money to support to Public Education; to the increases in college and university tuition costs; to the constant funding cuts at all education levels that are undermining the quality of California's public education; to the compartmentalized curriculum that develops selective thinking and labor habits that support separation and competition instead of collective and cooperative economics.

Therefore this resolution resolves to take actions to demand free, universal and quality education from Kindergarten to graduate school; to design a just and effective educational system that perpetuates values that drive social and economic justice and health equity; to support the rights of teachers and students to create unions and to have bargaining rights.

4. Organizing for a Quality Public Education (cont.)

This Resolution of Action supports initiatives such as the *College for California Ballot Initiative* that proposes a way of funding college education for California Residents by increasing income taxes to the wealthiest.

5. Environment and Justice System

This Resolution opposes government laws that deny people the means to survive, to care for and feed their children and families, understanding that such laws are immoral and must be challenged. To create those changes people needs to build relationships and community with one another, with the aim of connecting and uniting all of our struggles, to build alliances with each other. We also need to create community based groups and collectives that generate non-exploitative incomes to sustain their work and create good, green, and healthy jobs. Make and grow our own food, locally and share it with everyone, specifically by channeling the work of *Planting Justice* and other groups that undertake projects that combine ecological training and urban food production with grassroots door-to-door organizing. This resolution also supports actions that document and contest injustices in the prison system and that criminalize the poor and people of colour. It supports the *Silicon Valley De-Bug Project* that collects and documents complaints from those who have been criminalized.

US Court of Women on Poverty, West Coast

RESOLUTIONS OF ACTION

Hosted by WEAP, Women's Economic Agenda Project



US COURT OF WOMEN ON POVERTY WEST COAST

Since 1992 The World Courts of Women have been give voice to women all over the world. The testimonies on the more than 40 Courts since then, have ranged from violence against women in China, to human rights movements across the Continent of Africa, down to the trafficking of women in Nepal. Now it's taking a stand against the brutal violence that poverty is inflicting on women and their families here in the United States.

From May 10th through 13th, 2012, the Women's Economic Agenda Project, along with many partner organizations hosted the US Court of Women, West Coast in Oakland. We heard testimonies on people's suffering from losing homes to not being able to provide basic needs for their families, to not being able to get services for their sick, or not being able to afford healthy food (the list is very long). The emotional transformation in this Court was so raw and rare: hope filled the rooms and everybody was supporting each other. This allowed a space to heal and start imagining a world without poverty. From the testimonies, the round table discussions and the Juror deliberations, came forward 5 Resolutions of Action to abolish poverty once and for all:

1. Jobs, Poverty and Immigration

Emphasizes the need for our communities to make our government accountable to distribute all social resources and to provide everything needed for a complete, healthy and sustainable life for all. We need to assure an economic system that creates living wages jobs to care-give, teach and create a good and green environment replace our current exploitative labor system. We also need to demand economic human rights for all, which includes free access to education, healthcare, housing and food to everybody, regardless of their job status, citizenship or the ability to pay.

This Resolution supports actions such as:

- SEIU 1021 Against Goldman Sachs in Oakland that is exposing the predatory lending schemes that Goldman Sachs sold to Oakland and that has already cost the city \$26 million;
- "Good Jobs and Healthy Communities", a regional initiative undertaken by United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 5 promoting job development, job training and resource development;
- The Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) and also known as the Robin Hood Tax proposal undertaken by California Nurses Association (CNA) and The National Nurses United (NNU) that proposes to tax wealthy corporations on their financial transactions.

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2. Foreclosures, Homelessness and Property Rights

The raising number of women, men and children becoming homeless; housing prices being unattainable and the lack of support from government, this Resolution resolves to mobilize support campaigns to defend the Human Right to Housing. These include defending existing public housing programs (such as HUD) and their expansion as more people is needing it; support of nationalization of Wall Street Banks; support of claims of lands from corporations for public use (such as lands from native communities); and support foreclosure defenses (such as *Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)*, housing takeovers, and foreclosure eviction disruptions

3. Health Care for the 99%

This Resolution places health care for the 99% at the forefront of the fight to reform the healthcare system. It demands FREE, comprehensive, equal healthcare for all, regardless of individual's pre-existing conditions, job status, marriage status, age, gender or place of origin, guaranteed by our federal government. These service would include a wide spectrum of care: medical, dental, eye care, chiropractic, mental, prescription, physical therapy, in home care, and long term care. We seek the inclusion of proven healing practices from traditions outside of Western medicine.

