



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DEMANDS OF THE SAN QUINTIN FARMERS AND THE BOYCOTT OF DRISCOLL BERRIES**

**WHEREAS**, 80,000 indigenous farmworkers from Oaxaca, Geuerro, Chiapas, Tabasco, and Vera Cruz, Mexico pick berries for numerous growers in the San Quintin Valley of Baja California while Driscoll corporation buys, packs, and distributes these berries in the U.S., and since March 2015 San Quintin farmworkers conducted strikes and mass mobilizations demanding an increase in wages from 100 to 300 pesos per day [raise from \$7.50 to \$15), an 8-hour workday( instead of 12 hour work days) , overtime, healthcare, vacation, an end to sexual abuse of workers, and legal recognition of their independent union (Alianza) as representative of Alianza farmworkers who pick fruit primarily for export to the U.S. under Driscoll label through Mexican subsidiary farmers while these very growers refuse to negotiate fair labor contract/s, therefore Alianza resorted to call for a U.S. national consumer boycott; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Quintin farmworkers live in rat-infested makeshift camps in make- do shelters of cardboard boxes, plastic tarps, and sticks with no functioning toilets or proper water resources while farmworker wages are illegally withheld, they are gouged by overpricing at company stores, are subjected to inadequate piece rates and retaliation for their efforts to improve living and working conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in California, State Board of Food and Agriculture protect the health and welfare of California consumer's & while in San Quintin farmworkers have no such protection from exposure to the spraying of dangerous carcinogenic pesticides that result in diseases such as cancer, kidney failure, skin rashes, and respiratory problems; and

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that 80,000 San Quintin farmworkers seeking the boycott of Driscoll berries to force the Driscoll corporation to negotiate for better wages, working conditions, living conditions, and recognition of their union "Sindicato Independiente Democnitico de Jornaleros Agricolas" as they're bargaining representative for farmworkers and retire farmworkers who had been fired for going on strike and calling for the consumer boycott; and

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Texas State LULAC Convention Delegate's fully support the San Quintin farmworkers' demand of a union contract and recognize Alianza as a union, and therefore Texas State LULAC supports the boycott of Driscoll berries.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Rocha Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.  
LULAC National President