

Resolution No. 39

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: Preserve State Council Autonomy

1 WHEREAS, California Professional Firefighters
2 has built and maintained a statewide image and brand
3 in California politics that is recognized in the
4 legislature and across multiple gubernatorial
5 administrations; and

6 WHEREAS, this branding is tied to a decades-
7 long political effort to advance the interests of
8 professional firefighters at every level of California
9 government; and

10 WHEREAS, every state legislator and
11 constitutional officer recognizes California
12 Professional Firefighters as both the state council of
13 the IAFF and the authoritative voice for firefighters
14 in California; and

15 WHEREAS, CPF has been listed in legislative
16 committee analyses for over 40 years, establishing a
17 policy record going back decades that is used by
18 lawmakers when researching new legislation; and

19 WHEREAS, CPF's successful efforts have
20 resulted in numerous instances of the organization
21 being explicitly named in codes for appointments to
22 critical bodies such as the Emergency Medical
23 Services Commission, the State Board of Fire
24 Services, FIREScope, and others; and

25 WHEREAS, various statutes also directly
26 reference CPF and any change to the name of the

27 organization would thereby require code changes in
28 numerous locations and would endanger the stability
29 of those appointments in that process; and

30 WHEREAS, CPF is named as the labor sponsor
31 of the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship
32 Committee, the oldest and largest firefighter
33 apprenticeship program in the country, and any
34 change to the name of CPF would require additional
35 changes at the Cal-JAC and in its governing statute;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, any alteration to the name of
38 California Professional Firefighters would require
39 changes across the entire umbrella of affiliated
40 organizations at significant cost; and

41 WHEREAS, local affiliates and state councils
42 each maintain distinct and independent roles and the
43 preservation of their local autonomy is critical to the
44 efficient and effective functioning of our union;
45 therefore be it

46 RESOLVED, That the International Association
47 of Fire Fighters (IAFF) shall not advance any policy
48 proposals infringing upon the autonomy of state
49 councils and their ability to retain established naming
50 conventions, branding and other identifiers.

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters

Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: