

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BOYCOTT OF TWO SEATTLE HYATT HOTELS

WHEREAS the Hyatt Hotels Corporation in mid-2013 entered into a National Agreement with UNITE HERE, the international union representing hospitality workers; and

WHEREAS that agreement provides for a Fair Elections Process whereby workers in particular hotels may decide whether or not they want a union; and

WHEREAS workers in Hyatt hotels in Baltimore, Maryland, and Long Beach and Emeryville, California, have, under that Fair Elections Process, chosen to unionize; and

WHEREAS Richard Hedreen, owner of two Seattle Hyatt hotels – the Grand Hyatt Seattle and the Hyatt at Olive 8, each of which is presently non-union – has chosen not to allow workers in those hotels to use that Fair Elections Process; and

WHEREAS Seattle-based Local 8 of UNITE HERE has called for a boycott of the Grand Hyatt Seattle and the Hyatt at Olive 8, in order to bring about a vote on unionization; and

WHEREAS workers at those two properties endure unfair workloads and have no job security; and

WHEREAS support for organized labor and working families has long been a central tenet of the Democratic Party;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we endorse the boycott of the Grand Hyatt Seattle and the Hyatt at Olive 8 until such time as their workers are given the opportunity to use the agreed-upon Fair Elections Process to decide on unionization, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our fellow Democrats and other friends throughout King County and the state of Washington to refrain from eating, sleeping, or participating in events at either of those two hotels until their workers receive justice.

Adopted _____ *by* _____

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