

Reclaiming Worker Power Energizing Our Movement

WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

ENVIRONMENTAL PLEDGE FOR SINGLE-USE PLASTIC-FREE WORKSITES RESOLUTION #2024.17

WHEREAS, the climate crisis will be the defining issue of the next century as fossil fuels and plastics continue to accumulate causing global repercussions; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has recently increased passage of legislation banning plastics and styrofoam across the State that have lead to increased pollution that will stay in our ecosystem for possibly thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is not addressing climate change at the pace the science demands and decent union jobs are at stake when it comes to saving our planet and our future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Green Council of SAG-AFTRA National and Motion Picture Association (MPA) have teamed up to eliminate single-use plastic in the entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, the union members of the Green Council of SAG-AFTRA include Cate Blanchett, Robert Redford, Meryl Streep, Jason Momoa, Jeff Bridges, Diane Keaton, Kevin Bacon, Kyra Sedgwick, Salma Hayek, Gloria Estefan, Peter Sarsgaard, Rosario Dawson, Billy Porter, Aida Rodriguez, Rachel Bloom, Chris Colfer, David Dastmalchian and Ellen Crawford; and

WHEREAS, the Green Council's top priorities are to address "the reduction of single-use plastics and the normalization of reusable materials and sustainable practices, both within the industry and among audiences;" and

WHEREAS, the labor movement is nothing without a planet to live on; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Washington State Labor Council surveys union worksites in Washington State for their usage of single-use plastics and engage with SAG-AFTRA National to provide its findings to the Green Council; and be it finally

RESOLVED, the Washington State Labor Council will create an action plan towards eliminating single-use plastics at all labor events and workplaces statewide.