



Our Labor and Our Money is Our Power

Resolution #2025.15

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration is attacking workers, including the dedicated federal workforce that provides essential public services such as national park and forest work, safe air travel, tax processing, and investments and guidance for public education; and,

WHEREAS, the Trump administration seeks to eliminate efforts to address systemic oppression and to eliminate inclusive, equitable learning environments where students of all backgrounds feel welcome, are free from bigotry and hatred, and are able to thrive within our educational institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has taken action to undermine the health, wellbeing, and visibility of the LGBTQ+ community by denying the existence of sexual and gender diversity, issuing executive orders that affect everything from healthcare for transgender children and adults to military service for transgender servicemembers to the use of chosen names and pronouns, encouraging the states to enact legislation codifying such bigotry; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump has repeatedly prioritized personal wealth and dominance over the interests of ordinary, working people in the United States and around the globe, by giving wealthy individuals explicit, disproportionate influence in government, and making decisions that benefit the wealthy and powerful while harming the public; and,

WHEREAS, the extreme influence of corporate money in politics has enabled far-right agendas to gain traction and undermine democratic institutions making it harder for working people to secure economic justice and public accountability; and,

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration claimed that food, gas and other prices would go down when he took office, but his executive orders and other actions are creating greater economic insecurity, especially for people who were already struggling financially and the hundreds of thousands of federal workers who have been fired; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, many people live in food and pharmaceutical deserts, leaving them with limited or no choices in where to shop or what products to buy; and,

WHEREAS, from the Pullman and steel strikes to the Montgomery bus strikes to Delano grapes, from the anti-Apartheid movement to organizing at Starbucks and the Tesla Takedown, working people have a long, proud history of using the power of our work and our money to demand and win change; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Jamal Bryant of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, civil rights activists in Minnesota, the #Latinofreeze movement, “Theonecalledjai” and others have initiated economic resistance actions and boycotts in 2025, demonstrating a growing grassroots call for economic accountability; and,

WHEREAS, many unions, including State Federations, national unions and local affiliates, are aligning the expiration of collective bargaining agreements in 2028, laying the necessary groundwork for a coordinated general strike; and,

WHEREAS, given the accelerating threats to democracy and justice posed by the federal government we cannot afford to delay action; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council (WSLC) and its affiliated unions and community organizations to develop a coordinated strategy for an economic resistance against corporations and individual business owners who have:

1. Demonstrated support for Project 2025 and/or the Trump Administration’s attacks on democracy;
2. Contributed to President Trump;
3. Reduced, reversed, or never started efforts to increase workforce diversity and inclusion or to create welcoming and equitable environments for employees, customers, and others with whom they do business; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council will:

1. Publish a list of targeted corporations, in consultation with affiliates and allied organizations;
2. Publicize unionized businesses and socially responsible businesses in areas, or for products and services, lacking unionized workplaces;
3. Publicize local and national actions, and encourage members to redirect spending toward union-made, local and community supportive businesses; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council will work to build an antiracist, anti-imperialist, anti-colonial, anti-ableist, multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-gender, and LGBTQIA+ alliance rooted in human rights, democracy, and the freedom to thrive; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council will publicize actions organized by labor and community organizations to demonstrate against the agenda of Project 2025, and for the better world we know is possible; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO will circulate this resolution among its affiliates and will encourage its affiliates to adopt escalating strategies, to act to prevent the erosion of public goods, democracy, and workers' rights.