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Proposed Resolution

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Building Independent Politics

Too often, electing lawmakers becomes a false choice between the "lesser of two evils" or the "devil you know versus the devil you don't." And for too long, we've organized within the framework of a two-party system that is irretrievably broken – dominated by corporate interests and dismissive of the needs of working people and communities of color. Our union has won incredible victories for our members and communities in that framework – but to achieve the permanent structural change that we need to bring about our union's vision, we must build the kind of independent politics that can drive it.

In SEIU, we believe that working people deserve political leaders, organizations and parties that truly represent their interests – not just in their workplaces, but also in their communities – and that the corporate domination of elections and electoral politics in our country must be stopped.

Therefore, be it resolved that SEIU will:

- support the creation of local and state-based independent political organizations,
- encourage local unions to work together with labor and community allies to join existing independent political organizations where they exist,
- work to ensure that historically underrepresented communities are leading in our political organizations,
- work together with like-minded activists to create democratically-run political organizations.

