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Proposed Resolution

Resolution to 2016 SEIU Convention
for DEMOCRACY AND MEMBER VOICES in the SEIU PRESIDENTIAL ENDORSEMENT
Submitted by SEIU Local 1021

Whereas: the democratic tradition in our nation and in our labor movement is founded on the idea that every person, every voice, every voter has a right to be heard; and

Whereas: the very existence of labor unions in our nation may depend on engaging SEIU's membership in a coordinated, democratic, consensus-oriented and coalition-focused national campaign to maximize our electoral power; and

Whereas: there is a crisis in government and voting with many feeling that the system is rigged, that their vote does not count and their voice is not heard in the electoral process; and

Whereas: the members of the Service Employees International Union across the country are continuing to exercise their democratic rights and responsibilities by voting, campaigning, and advocating for their supported candidates; and

Whereas: the institution of the union must trust and engage the rank and file to discuss, debate and vote on their endorsement recommendation for President of the United States; and

Whereas: the union must demonstrate to the candidates for President of the United States the importance of being accountable to working people and our families by creating a process for endorsement for President of the United States that is democratic, inclusive, and accountable to the rank-and-file;

Therefore be it resolved that: SEIU International will develop a direct system of voting where all members may cast a vote for their preferred candidate for President of the United States using technology or another tool for vote casting and counting; and

Therefore be it further resolved that: the SEIU International will develop a committee of members from throughout the country to create an endorsement process and timeline, and the necessary infrastructure for direct member feedback on issues and endorsements for the President of United States and a process for the 2020 election cycle.

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