

Sample Local Union Resolution Urging Union Democracy in the 2020 Election

On **<date>**, **<union name>** met and voted to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas: The members of **<union name>** are committed to building a strong, democratic local union and a strong, democratic national union, and

Whereas: The 2020 presidential election is a contest of historic importance for our country as a whole, for the labor movement, and for **<union name>**, and

Whereas: While the presidential campaigns have started, members will need time to educate ourselves about the candidates, their records, and their visions for the country, and

Whereas: Once we have had time to research, discuss, and deliberate, nobody knows better what is best for our union than the members ourselves, and

<if relevant> Whereas: The leadership of many unions have acknowledged that in 2016, labor's endorsement process was rushed and excluded the voices of most members, and resulted in premature endorsements and membership discontent,

Therefore be it resolved that:

We call on the **<union name>** to postpone any endorsement of a presidential candidate until after members have had a chance to learn about the candidates through the first six DNC debates (scheduled for June through December 2019) and with educational materials about the candidates provided to members. After the DNC debates and local and regional level discussions, our presidential candidate endorsement should be decided through a national, binding, one-member/one-vote poll of our members.

Adopted on <date> and respectfully submitted for consideration to <union name>.