



# MA AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention

## September 25-27, 2019

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### Resolution to Endorse a Pro-Worker Presidential Candidate

Whereas: Workers in Massachusetts and across the United States have been fighting and winning from the Stop & Shop and Marriott picket lines to statewide teacher strikes, going from defense to offense, and raising expectations for what we deserve;

Whereas: In response, some of the Democratic candidates for president have announced more pro-worker platforms than have been seen in decades, including protecting and expanding our rights to organize and strike, taking healthcare off the bargaining table and guaranteeing quality healthcare for all workers through a Medicare for All system, raising the federal minimum wage to a living wage, and ending anti-union Right to Work laws and anti-worker at-will employment laws nationwide;

Whereas: However, not all of the Democratic candidates have supported such pro-worker agendas, and those who don't support us don't deserve our support;

Whereas: Organized labor in Massachusetts and nationwide has an important role to play in making sure that the Democratic Party nominates a strongly pro-worker presidential candidate who will win the White House and help us win a fairer economy, and members who are engaged in the endorsement process will be much more invested in supporting the candidate we endorse;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Massachusetts AFL-CIO encourages all of its affiliate unions to engage their members in a transparent, participatory, democratic process to choose a presidential candidate to endorse;

Therefore, be it further resolved, the Massachusetts AFL-CIO urges the national AFL-CIO to endorse a presidential candidate with a demonstrated commitment to the pro-worker agenda that this body has previously endorsed, including but not limited to a \$15-dollar federal minimum wage, ending Right to Work nationwide, and a Medicare for All system that recognizes healthcare as a human right.

Respectfully submitted,

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