RESOLUTION 6:

GET OUT THE VOTE IN 2024 TO
STRENGTHEN AND PRESERVE LABOR
UNIONS AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

SUBMITTED BY: LOCAL 700

2024



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Whereas, the national, state, and local elections being held in 2024 will historically impact the lives of all of this country's citizens, organizations and our union for decades to come;

Whereas, we recognize that in a democracy our rights as union members are undeniably linked to our political rights, and thus, it is our civic duty to exercise our fundamental right to vote, and we are mindful that the final vote counts of recent national and state elections have been extremely close and in some cases resulted in runoffs;

Whereas, the IATSE Executive Board has endorsed a pro-union presidential candidate, who has walked a union picket line, who is an enthusiastic supporter of workers and the right to organize, who will appoint members to the National Labor Relations Board who will commit to restore workers' rights, and who has supported the passage of legislation to create union jobs that rebuild the infrastructure of our communities;

Whereas, the Voting Rights Act has been severely weakened by the 2013 Supreme Court decision that gave rise to voting laws that disproportionately and negatively impact both poor communities and those of color, thus diminishing their participation in the electoral process;

Whereas, we recognize that vigorous participation and a high voter turnout for pro-worker candidates is vital to the health of our union and our union kin, and to the future success of the labor movement, and that voter apathy works against our collective interests;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Locals of IATSE District 2 affirm the utmost importance of voting in national, state and local elections being held in 2024, and inform and encourage members to register to vote, know their rights at the polls, exercise their vote, and then volunteer to Get Out The Vote (GOTV) – be it by phone banking, text banking, canvassing, writing postcards to voters, and/or offering rides to those in need – and ask others to do the same;

Be it further resolved that the Locals of IATSE District 2 encourage our union kin to make an informed vote, while made aware of the political endorsements of the IATSE, to elect and re-elect national, state and local candidates who support unions, the right to organize, and who promote tangible action in favor of organized labor;

Be it further resolved that the Locals of IATSE District 2 encourage their members to express their voices by calling and writing state legislators and members of Congress to enact and re-enact voter rights laws, remove restrictive barriers to voting, and strike down and repeal any laws that restrict voter access and eligibility to citizens who would otherwise possess the right to vote.

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