

Support of a Boycott of Two Seattle Hyatt Hotels

1 **WHEREAS** the Hyatt Hotels Corporation in mid-2013 entered into a national
2 agreement with UNITE HERE, the international union representing hospitality workers;
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5 **WHEREAS** that agreement provides for a Fair Elections Process whereby workers in
6 particular hotels may decide whether or not they want a union; and

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8 **WHEREAS** workers in Hyatt hotels in Baltimore, Maryland, and Long Beach and
9 Emeryville, California, have, under that Fair Elections Process, chosen to unionize; and

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11 **WHEREAS** Richard Hedreen, owner of two Seattle Hyatt hotels – the Grand Hyatt
12 Seattle and the Hyatt at Olive 8, each of which is presently non-union – has chosen not
13 to allow workers in those hotels to utilize that Fair Elections Process; and

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15 **WHEREAS** Seattle-based Local 8 of UNITE HERE has called for a boycott of the Grand
16 Hyatt Seattle and the Hyatt at Olive 8, in order to bring about a vote on unionization;
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19 **WHEREAS** workers at those two properties endure unfair workloads and have no job
20 security; and

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22 **WHEREAS** support for organized labor and working families has long been a central
23 tenet of the Democratic Party;

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25 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
26 Committee endorse the boycott of the Grand Hyatt Seattle and the Hyatt at Olive 8 until
27 such time as their workers are given the opportunity to utilize the agreed-upon Fair
28 Elections Process to decide on unionization, and

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
31 Committee will encourage our fellow Democrats and other friends throughout King
32 County and the State of Washington to refrain from patronizing either of those two
33 hotels until their workers receive justice.

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36 Submitted by the Labor Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for its
37 consideration at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver. (Submitted 2/1/2014)

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39 The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver

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41 Reference: <http://www.unitehere.org/detail.php?ID=3706#sthash.UVeRnP1i.dpuf>