

Whereas working people and our unions in the US are under direct and severe attack by corporate employers and political representatives of power in the federal government, and

Whereas corporations, including hotel owner and operation corporations, are currently amassing record profits and have also received significant windfall revenues through the large corporate tax cuts enacted by the federal government earlier this year, and

Whereas UNITE HERE Local 2 is on strike against the largest hotel industry employer, Marriott Corporation, and

Whereas the campaign is characterized by the slogan 'One Job Should Be Enough' which represents the needs and aspirations of all workers in every industry, including public school workers, and points out that working people like our students, community members, and union members, are being denied the benefits of prosperity in a time of increasing corporate profits, and

Whereas a successful strike by hotel workers to defend themselves from hostile employers and government institutions and to secure a fair share of the record profits currently being generated by hotel employers will help all unions in their organization of members and in their relations with their own employers, and

Whereas public demonstrations of labor solidarity benefit the entire labor movement, and

Whereas unionized workers on strike need every bit of support and sustenance they can gather in order to win, now therefore

Be it resolved that Berkeley Federation of Teachers supports UNITE HERE Local 2's strike against Marriott, and

Be it further resolved that BFT commits to assisting UNITE HERE in building solidarity and support for its strike among labor unions, political leaders and others in the community, and

Be it further resolved that BFT commits to standing with workers on strike at Marriott on October 20th, and donate \$10/week to the strike fund until its resolution, and

Be it finally resolved that BFT will publicly communicate its support and organizing efforts for UNITE HERE strike and rally on October 20 to UNITE HERE and its members, on Facebook, to its members, as well as to other Bay Area labor unions and the general public.

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