



Resolution #4 – Uniting More Workers in SEIU Local 888

Recommended by the SEIU Local 888 Executive Board and adopted at the SEIU Local 888 Membership Convention on October 13, 2012

- Whereas:* SEIU Local 888 members work in public service occupations providing the foundation for safe, strong and healthy communities, and
- Whereas:* The recession that began in 2007 and attacks on public revenues have had devastating effects on state and local budgets, putting the public services we provide in serious jeopardy; and
- Whereas:* The loss of good paying jobs in the cities and towns where we live and work has undermined the tax-base in our communities, strengthening management demands for concessions; and
- Whereas:* To balance budgets, our state and municipal employers rely ever more on outsourcing our work to non-union private sector entities that pay poverty wages and offer few benefits; and
- Whereas:* Union membership has shrunk to just seven percent in the private sector resulting in a major decline in real wages and benefits in most non-union workplaces, making union contractual standards vulnerable to attack; and
- Whereas:* A strong and growing labor-movement can support income growth and has the political clout to demand the wealthy pay their fair share in taxes. Only by uniting more workers in unions will we have the power to win good jobs and a stronger voice to improve public services; and
- Whereas:* Similarly, only by following our work into the private sector and re-organizing workers there can we increase our bargaining power and stop the race to the bottom in wages and benefits; Therefore
- Be it resolved that:* Local 888 will strive to unite more public and publicly-funded workers in child care, education, state and local government and other areas where workers provide critical public services and seek to identify new opportunities that result from the restructuring of government and public services to unite more workers in the private sector.