

Resolution #1: Keep the Cap on Charters

Vote "No" on Question 2

Recommended by the SEIU Local 888 Executive Board for adoption by delegates to the SEIU Local 888 Membership Convention on September 24, 2016

Whereas: Charter schools are taking more than \$400 million from school district budgets across Massachusetts just this year and will take more next year; and

Whereas: Local communities have no say in the state's decision to open or expand a charter school even though local tax dollars must pay for them; and

Whereas: Many charter schools avoid educating the students who face the most difficult challenges and the greatest budgetary costs, such as students with serious disabilities, special needs, and limited English, and steer these children back to district schools; and

Whereas: Most charter schools strongly resist efforts by staff members to form unions and bargain collectively, with the result that charter school staff often work many extra hours for no pay, and have no protection against unfair managers; and

Whereas: Ballot Question 2 on the November 8, 2016 ballot would erase the limits on charter school expansion, thus wreaking havoc on municipal finances while undermining our cities and towns' ability to support either new or existing schools.

Therefore: SEIU Local 888 will circulate educational material to its members and the public urging everyone to vote "No" on Question 2 in the November elections.