



USW Local 8751 - District 4

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Resolution of the membership of United Steelworkers Local 8751, April 29, 2010

In the Spirit of Cesar Chavez: Boycott the Apartheid State of Arizona!

Whereas

The state of Arizona has passed a racist, hate-filled bill, HB 1070, that was signed by Governor Jan Brewer, and;

Whereas

The bill essentially criminalizes all people of non-European descent by compelling law enforcement agents to stop anyone if there is a "suspicion of unlawful presence in the United States" and immediately arrest anyone not possessing documentation of legal residency, and;

Whereas

With such extreme profiling of Latinos/as and other people of color, the atmosphere in Arizona resembles that of apartheid South Africa and the Jim Crow U.S. South, and;

Whereas

Racism, including the scapegoating of immigrants, keeps all workers divided; it prevents us from organizing unions and fighting for decent wages, benefits, pensions and equal rights, and;

Whereas

Supporters of civil rights are calling for a "Boycott of the Apartheid State of Arizona, and;

Whereas

Unions have used the boycott effectively in the past, winning justice for farm workers through boycotts of grapes, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, strawberries, and other produce.

Be it therefore resolved

That, in the spirit of Cesar Chavez, the late president of the United Farm Workers of America,

1. USW Local 8751 will hold no conventions, conferences, meetings or gatherings of any kind in the state of Arizona.
2. We call upon our members, the Steelworkers International Union, and the entire labor movement to boycott Arizona entirely as a tourist destination.
3. We will not organize any union outings to games where the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team, a prominent symbol of Arizona and a major contributor to SB1070 supporters, are playing, and we urge our members to boycott those games.

Be it further resolved

That USW Local 8751 categorically rejects racist profiling and scapegoating of workers and that we, as workers, refuse to be divided to serve the corporate agenda of layoffs, givebacks and union-busting.

passed unanimously on April 29, 2010

Unity! Unidada!



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