

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota's Midwest Initiative Resolution

WHEREAS, increasing corporate power has been allowed and encouraged by our public policies, creating an economy that has been failing the many for the benefit of the few, and

WHEREAS, those in power have been effective at creating and exploiting divisions, especially divisions around race, gender and geography to maintain power regardless of which political party wins an election, and have split and pitted people against each other who are similarly hurt in the current economy, and

WHEREAS, Mayo Clinic has become the largest private sector employer in Minnesota and has also become the largest symbol of run-away corporate power in our state as it demands tax payer funded subsidies to continue operating in Minnesota, seeks to eliminate bargaining rights from workers and is engaged in a pattern of driving down living standards for healthcare workers and communities across the Mid-West, and

WHEREAS, even though workers have won important victories, we need to win on a much greater scale to truly transform our members' lives, and

WHEREAS, we can no longer rely on the past tactics and theories to win for working families, and therefore must expand methods and try new ways of building solidarity with community members to change the dominant narrative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT SEIU HEALTHCARE MINNESOTA WILL:

- Partner with progressive organizations across the state to use our collective power to shape the nature of the 2018 elections and set the stage whereby our collective agenda can become the agenda of our state. To accomplish this we will:
 - Engage our membership over the next 18 months around our core values and connect our issues with the issues of other organizations to build unity among all Minnesotans and across differences.
 - Change the dominant narrative from one of corporate dominance to one powered by the people, so that the issues and values of working families are what candidates must run on to win and govern in Minnesota.
 - Create the environment that our issues are winning issues and candidates run for office with us as a partner.
 - Develop innovative ways to organize around our issues with our members and our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SEIU HEALTHCARE MINNESOTA WILL:

- Launch and support C.U.R.E. (Communities United for Rochester Empowerment), to support Mayo workers and community members in holding Mayo Clinic accountable as it builds the Destination Medical Center. We will do this by:
 - Advocating for affordable housing and transportation in Rochester, MN.
 - Fighting to end outsourcing and benefit cuts among Mayo workers.
 - Working to organize unorganized health care workers into our Union.
 - Fighting to expand access to Mayo Clinic for patients on Medicaid, Veterans Administration benefits and other health care plans that Mayo Clinic currently does not accept.
 - Working for tax fairness in the Rochester community.