

TEAMSTERS BUILD BACK STRONGER CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, the burden of maintaining our economy and keeping communities safe, along with the health and safety risk of doing so during a global pandemic was disproportionately placed on workers; and

WHEREAS, the historic turnout of Teamster members in support of pro-union candidates in 2020 was bolstered by the union's endorsement of candidates based on priority issues identified in a national membership survey; and

WHEREAS, Teamster-endorsed candidates won elections at every level of government and the Teamsters Union recognizes that we must push our nation's elected leaders to take action on priority Teamster issues that benefit our members and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Teamsters Union is committed to building off the historic pension victory of 2021 with the passage of the Butch Lewis Emergency Pension Reform Act as part of the American Rescue Plan to fight on behalf of and alongside our retired members to ensure the promise of a secure retirement made to Teamster members and their families is kept; and

WHEREAS, a just system of government must respect and support strong unions in America with a National Labor Relations Board that encourages collective bargaining, congressional action that better aligns U.S. labor law with the realities of the needs of American workers in a globalized and increasingly automated economy, and trade policies that protect and promote labor standard across the world; and

WHEREAS, our elected representatives must commit to creating good, safe jobs whether by investing in union jobs through infrastructure projects with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions, supporting enforceable health and safety measures in the workplace, addressing the growing problem of worker misclassification, establishing a worker-centered approach to the future of work and more; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Teamsters Union shall embark on a national campaign called "Build Back Stronger" that will call on elected leaders at every level to deliver victory for workers in three priority areas of Secure Pensions, Strong Unions and Good Jobs to address massive structural inequities, grow middle-class jobs and rebuild the economic foundations of our nation; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that for this policy program to be truly impactful, such a program must be a continuation of the successful efforts to include key Teamster priorities in the narrative during electoral campaigns, and be a starting off point for the endorsement process for upcoming elections so that more pro-union candidates are elected and then held accountable to keep their promises once in office; and

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Teamsters will establish a field program that creates opportunities for members, retirees and union allies to play an active role in educating

elected officials and candidates for elected office of the importance of these policies and their role in developing a stronger future for our nation and our union.