

# Resolutions of the 70th Convention

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Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO



# RESOLUTION #1

## Affirming the Metal Trades Department's Support of Hillary Rodham Clinton for President

WHEREAS, the members of the Metal Trades Department affiliated unions play a critical and active role in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the MTD, and its affiliates have supported America's working families for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 presidential election, unlike any other presidential election in our nation's history, provides a unique opportunity to elect a president who shares the Department's vision for a stronger and diversified America; and

WHEREAS, in considering an endorsement for president, the MTD considers which candidate shares our values, has the support of our members, and is strong and electable; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Rhodam Clinton has spent her entire career, both in the public and private sectors, working to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to climb the ladder of success; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Rhodam Clinton has a proven track record in leading the fight for working families, supports equal pay; was an original co-sponsor of the Employee Free Choice Act; was a staunch defender of first responders who came to our nation's defense on Sept. 11; and has demonstrated a deep and long commitment to all Americans; who believes that women's rights are civil rights; and that every American is entitled to economic opportunity, voting and workplace rights, and social justice; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Rhodam Clinton has pledged to help build an economy that produces good jobs and rising wages, and will work with labor leaders to strengthen labor laws; and

WHEREAS, the stakes are critically high in this election; and

WHEREAS, politicians know that unions give working people power at the bargaining table and the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 election campaign is already well underway and an endorsement now will enable the MTD to help shape the debate and drive an agenda to reclaim the promise of America; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Rhodam Clinton is a longtime friend of the MTD and a tested leader who shares our values;

**RESOLVED, that the Metal Trades Department endorses Hillary Rhodam Clinton for president of the United State of America as the Democratic candidate.; and**

**RESOLVED, that the MTD and its Councils around the country commit to engaging workers, their families and their communities to reclaim the promise of America and to help secure the Presidency for Hillary Rhodam Clinton.**

**RESOLVED, we're with her.**

# RESOLUTION #2

## A Resolution Honoring Patrick D. Finley

WHEREAS, The Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO and the broader labor community lost a valued member, leader and friend on April 10, 2016, with the death of Patrick D. Finley;

WHEREAS, the labor community lost a strong, forward-thinking leader and generous and knowledgeable mentor; and

WHEREAS, President Finley served with excellence on the Executive Council of the Metal Trades Department and had a life-long commitment to fighting for workers' rights as the president of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Union; and

WHEREAS, President Finley was a kind and loving man that valued his friends, family and union over all else;

**RESOLVED, on behalf of the Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO and its seventeen affiliated unions and their members, recognizes the significant contributions over the course of his distinguished career and mourns his death; and**

**RESOLVED, that the MTD extends its sincerest condolences to his brothers and sisters at the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Union, and his beloved family.**

# RESOLUTION #3

## Resolution Supporting the Las Vegas Culinary Union Local 226 in its Fight for a Fair Contract

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Culinary Union, Local 226 has called for a boycott of all Trump hotels and golf courses; and

WHEREAS, Local 226 has been fighting for recognition and the right to collectively bargain for a fair contract for its members employed at The Trump International Hotel in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, the National Labor Relations Board certified the December 2015 election as valid; and

WHEREAS, the Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO believes that the employees deserve to earn fair wages for a hard day's work; and

WHEREAS, all workers deserve a voice on the job.

**RESOLVED, the Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO strongly pledges to supports the Union's call to boycott all Trump hotels and golf courses, products and properties.**

**RESOLVED, the Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO pledges to promote the boycott for Local 226 by sharing their plight with our affiliates and their members through all available means.**