



BC DEMS RESOLUTION 2023-01

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022, workers at Republic Services (dba Valley Landfill) voted 5-0 to form International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 701; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for the first contract of IUOE Local 701 have dragged with the employers exhibiting union busting tactics; and

WHEREAS, the employer has engaged in Unfair Labor Practices (ULP) by treating non-union workers financially better than those who chose to join a Union; and

WHEREAS, the employer has enjoyed increased profits and refuses to share that wealth with the workers who generated it; and


WHEREAS, on September 11, 2023, members of IUOE Local 701 walked out to protest the slow walking of the contract and ULPs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Benton County Democrats support Operating Engineers Local 701's right to strike and support the stoppage in pursuit of fairness, respect, safety and dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Benton County Democrats will forward this resolution to local press, post it on its web page, and commit to support the workers in their strike.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: CATHERINE STEARNS (PCP, pct. 16) and JOEL GEIER (PCP, pct. 16)

APPROVED BY THE BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 19, 2023



Chair Gabe Shepherd

October 19, 2023
Date