

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

PLATFORM & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

2/20/2014

RESOLUTION 2014.01

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Relating to support for Unions & the “Keep Oregon Working Coalition”

WHEREAS, Unions are a democratic means of improving dangerous working conditions; and

WHEREAS, Unions allow workers to collectively bargain their wages, benefits, and retirement; and

WHEREAS, Unions secured the rights & liberties that most Americans depend on & believe in, such as child labor laws, weekends, the minimum wage, the eight-hour workday, overtime pay, safe workplaces, workman’s compensation, and protections against unfair workplace retaliation; and

WHEREAS, Unions created America’s unique, broad middle-class; and

WHEREAS, In an era in which the rights afforded to corporations are significantly expanded compared to the past century, the rights of workers should also be interpreted as broadly; and

WHEREAS, Laws that cripple the right of workers to organize a Union, and laws which allow workers who benefit from union representation & collective bargaining to avoid paying to support those benefits, are dangerous to the prosperity of Oregon’s middle class and workers; and

WHEREAS, The “Keep Oregon Working Coalition” fights to secure these rights of the American worker;

THEREFORE, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. That the Democratic Party of Lane County supports the rights gained over a century by fellow workers—which were synonymous with the American Way of Life, and a beacon to the world.

SECTION 2. To oppose efforts that would destroy what has made us prosperous.

SECTION 3. To endorse the “Keep Oregon Working Coalition,” and work with them to ensure the rights of Oregon’s workers to organize a union, to democratically levy dues on themselves to secure their effective representation, to collect union dues via payroll deductions in order to prevent freeloaders

from enjoying the benefits of union representation without paying their fair share, and to collectively bargain for a decent standard of living.

**RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY,
ASSEMBLED IN EUGENE, OREGON, FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

Signed:

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Julie Fahey
Chair

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Andrew S. Becker
Secretary
