

We, assembled members of UAW Local 4121 at the University of Washington, urge the UAW International Union to undertake a bold decision to endorse Sen. Bernie Sanders for President of the United States.

We send this letter in light of the overwhelming support in our local membership & in our state for the Sanders campaign, which has so far enjoyed only partial support from organized labor. The campaign's signature issues belong to us in the labor movement as well: the legal assurance of the workplace, political, & social rights of immigrants, people of color, women, LGBT people, & people with disabilities; reckoning with ecological crises while ensuring living wages for workers & a green, national infrastructure restoration; & the protection & extension of popular & successful programs like Social Security & Medicare.

Since 2008, popular mobilization in the U.S. has surged around Occupy, climate justice, \$15 Now, & Black Lives Matter. In the past year, European & North American social-democratic parties have begun to catch up with their Latin America counterparts via electoral successes in Greece, Alberta, Scotland, Portugal, Spain, and the U.K. Labour Party. Meanwhile, Sanders-supporting politicians like Seattle's Kshama Sawant, New York's Zephyr Teachout, & Nevada's Lucy Flores are redefining politics as usual in the U.S.

A complex endorsement decision faces the International. We wish to stress that support for the Sanders campaign coalesces particularly among young (including women) & low- & middle-income voters. These voters campaigning alongside our labor movement is vital for our future. We also wish to push the Sanders campaign to deepen its opposition to imperialism, anti-black racism, sexism, & Israeli apartheid.

Beyond this endorsement decision, we urge the International to continue & to amplify its support for organizing the unorganized, mobilizing its members, and reforming the Democratic Party. The possibility of a Sanders victory is historic, but, more important still, this campaign offers an unparalleled recent opportunity to strengthen a popular movement for social justice & workers' power that wins elections yet mobilizes beyond them.

In solidarity,