

Resolution

Whereas we are 14 Locals of the Western States, formerly part of Region 5, representing approximately 49,000 workers;

Whereas the UAW International Executive Board voted to dissolve Region 5 on December 5, 2019 as a part of a stated intention to fight corruption that has been a serious problem in leadership of the International Union and Region 5 in particular;

Whereas we join the International Executive Board in supporting reforms to address this corruption;

Whereas the large geographic range of Region 5 was a significant factor in allowing corruption to go unchecked, because it was too big for members to be fully involved in decision-making and to hold elected leaders accountable;

Whereas a smaller regional configuration would promote increased member participation in the Union's programs, and would increase the transparency of decision-making by and accountability of elected leaders;

Whereas we were once part of a separate UAW Region before being merged into Region 5 in 1995, and since that time have consistently been a thriving and efficient Western States subregion;

Whereas the Presidents of our Locals wrote you a letter communicating our concerns regarding the dissolution of Region 5 and recombination into Regions 4 and 8 on January 8, 2020;

Whereas over one hundred elected leaders and activists from Locals throughout the Western States discussed these concerns with Region 4 Director Ron McInroy, Region 8 Director Mitchell Smith, Region 8 Assistant Director Tim Smith, and Region 5 Assistant Director Jim Soldate at the Western States CAP and PAC meeting at the Region 5 office in Pico Rivera, California on January 18, 2020, and voted overwhelming to re-establish a West Coast Region;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we -- the members of the vast majority of Locals in the Western States -- call on the International Executive Board to create a West Coast Region in which we can continue the proud UAW traditions of democratic unionism and political activism that have improved our lives and society.