

Membership Vote on Presidential Endorsements

WHEREAS, both the Republican and Democratic parties are funded by and serve our class enemies—corporations, private equity, industry PACs, and wealthy donors—and neither party represents the interests of the working class;

WHEREAS, presidents of both parties have repeatedly attacked the working class in the US and in other countries:

- Ronald Reagan fired more than 11,000 striking PATCO workers, invaded Grenada, and backed right-wing regimes in Central America responsible for massacres of workers, peasants, and union organizers;
- George H.W. Bush initiated NAFTA negotiations, fought to preserve employers' right to permanently replace strikers, and launched the Panama and Gulf Wars;
- Bill Clinton rammed through NAFTA and Wall Street deregulation, gutted welfare for the poorest workers, escalated mass incarceration, and bombed Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq;
- George W. Bush attacked federal unions, stacked the NLRB with corporate loyalists, slashed taxes on the rich, and launched catastrophic wars in Iraq and Afghanistan;
- Barack Obama conditioned the auto bailout on expanding tiers, freezing wages, and eliminating pensions for new hires, deported millions of immigrant workers, and expanded Bush's wars into Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, and Syria;
- Joe Biden banned the 2022 rail strike, funded, armed, and defended Israel's genocide, and continued military operations in Somalia, Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan;
- Donald Trump appointed anti-union NLRB members, unilaterally dissolved federal union contracts, pushed national right-to-work, cut taxes for the rich, continued support for the genocide in Palestine, escalated airstrikes across Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, Afghanistan, Iran, and Venezuela, and violently intensified deportations of immigrant workers.

WHEREAS, a UAW endorsement is a stamp of approval from a prominent working class organization, and includes a commitment of money, staff, and member resources;

WHEREAS, the bipartisan practice of attacking the working class demands that presidential endorsements be approached with extraordinary caution, robust internal debate, and clear democratic legitimacy from the rank and file;

WHEREAS, in the UAW, membership is the highest authority, and that authority is most directly expressed through One Member One Vote;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Article 23 shall be amended to include a new section "A candidate for United States President may only be endorsed by the UAW upon a majority vote of the membership. Any ballot shall include the candidates on the Michigan ballot and the option *No Endorsement*."

UAWD is a grassroots movement of rank-and-file members, united in our vision of class struggle unionism and fighting to build a militant, democratic UAW. If you'd like to work with rank-and-file members to bring our Constitutional Convention program to your local, [become a UAWD supporter today](#), or contact us at uniteallworkers4democracy@gmail.com.