

Dear 15 Now Caucus Leader,

Thank you for taking action on this important night. Precinct caucuses give us an awesome opportunity to 1) **demonstrate broad support** for \$15 by passing our resolution and 2) **recruit new supporters** from folks who are energized and engaged with politics. Here's a quick set of steps for how to succeed on caucus night.



1. Double check your caucus location at: <http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>
2. Print out this packet. You'll want to bring the resolution, signup sheet, and instructions to your caucus.
3. Print out extra copies to give to friends! Multiply your impact by getting our resolution and signup sheet in the hands of your friends who are going to other precincts.
4. Arrive early - 6:20pm - and ask your neighbors to **sign our signup sheet** as they register.
5. Refer to the **Precinct Caucus Overview** for information on the caucus process & agenda.
6. Pass around signup sheets during any appropriate times during the caucus.
7. **Stick around until the time to introduce resolutions.** This may mean hanging in there until at least 8:30pm.
8. Read the resolution and share one personal reason why you're taking the time to introduce it.
9. **Call or text** Jesse (651-442-5734) or Becky (651-226-4967) afterward to let us know if the resolution passed. See the last page for the information we need.
10. Mail or drop-off the signup sheets at the 15 Now / MPIRG office at 2722 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Please call with any questions: Jesse (651-442-5734) or Becky (651-226-4967).

We also **invite you to our official campaign launch rally this Saturday**, Feb 27, from 2:30-4:30, at the Brian Coyle Center (420 15th Ave S, Minneapolis). Our featured speaker is Nekima Levy-Pounds, President of the Minneapolis NAACP. We'll break out into groups to talk about the caucus and other organizing opportunities.

We can't emphasize enough: this is a huge opportunity to jumpstart our campaign to win a \$15 minimum wage this year. Thank you so much for being a leader. Your early effort will pay off exponentially by the time election day comes around and we're counting the YES votes.

Sincerely,

Jesse and Becky
15 Now MN volunteers

Precinct Caucus Overview

The events on caucus night are generally as follows:

6:30pm registrations begins -adjournment of the caucus will be no earlier than 8pm
7pm Call to order

To participate in the caucus you must affirm the following:

"By signing in, precinct caucus attendees agree to the following: You affirm that you live in the precinct; you will be 18 and eligible to vote by November 8, 2016 if you wish to run for, or vote for, organizing unit convention delegate or alternate, or to vote on the preference ballot –or– will be 16 and eligible to participate in caucus business; you consider yourself a member of the DFL Party, and are not an active member of any other political party; and, you agree with the principles of the DFL Party as stated in the DFL Constitution and Bylaws."

The caucus chair will select or have elected two tellers who will count votes for the caucus. It is a good idea to volunteer for this, for obvious reasons.

Balloting for the presidential preference poll will begin at caucus convening and end one hour after convening.

Ballots will be counted and reported to the caucus after balloting is complete at 8pm.

Resolutions will be accepted and voted on sometime after the initial business of the caucus (electing presiding officers, etc.) is complete. Anyone may introduce a resolution--the whereas clauses are an argument for the resolution, the resolution itself is the 'Be it resolved' clauses. A majority vote will move the resolution forward to the organizing unit convention, the next step in the DFL process.

You should:

- stay at your caucus until resolutions are called for, read the resolution and give your own reasons for supporting it, if appropriate.
- Report back to us (Jesse 651-442-5734 or Becky 651-226-4967) on whether the resolution was read and whether it was approved.

15 Now is primarily interested in demonstrating support for \$15 minimum wage at the precinct caucus level. While it may be helpful to have the resolution accepted at the DFL state convention, precinct caucus approval will demonstrate the grassroots support we need to pressure our representatives to support a \$15 minimum wage in Minneapolis and elsewhere. If you're interested in pursuing the resolution past the precinct level, volunteer for the resolutions committee and to be a delegate to the next organizing unit convention, held in April.

Enjoy yourself! Talk politics with your neighbors and enjoy some grassroots democracy. Together, we will win this fight!

MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM
(Submit one resolution per form and one subject per resolution)

Congressional District: <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Organizing Unit: <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Precinct: <input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
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Proposed by: _____
(Name) (City) Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: ***[check one]***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Food | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax & Budget Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Local or Party Issues |

This resolution is intended for the following: ***[check one]***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Action Agenda | <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Platform |
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The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the party supports and will promote during the next two years.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *(Please print or attach your resolution here. Any WHEREAS clauses or supporting statements should be included on the back of this form.)*

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated
(Adopted 21 September 2013)

\$15 Now: Because the Rent Won't Wait! Workers need \$15 Now!

WHEREAS: In the richest nation on earth, it is simply wrong for anyone who works full time to live in poverty; and

WHEREAS: One in four St. Paul families live in poverty, one-third of immigrant families, almost half Native Americans and African Americans live in poverty; and nearly half of single mothers; and,

WHEREAS: Many St. Paul workers would benefit directly from a raise to \$15 and all St. Paul workers would benefit as the wage floor in St. Paul is set at a living wage level, thus ending the race to the bottom; and

WHEREAS: Raising the minimum wage to \$15 would be a positive return for the local economy, pumping money back into local businesses and promoting neighborhood stability.



We need a \$15/hr Minimum Wage!

In St. Paul, 24% of us live in poverty. 72% of kids in our public schools qualify for free/reduced-cost lunch. For immigrants, poverty rates are nearly 35%, for African Americans over 40%, and for single women it's nearly 46%. We believe all workers deserve a living wage job. ***Therefore, we urge local action to ensure that every worker in the city receives a minimum of \$15/hr, and to support national calls for a \$15/hr minimum wage.***

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contact:

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