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RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF NOT PATRONIZING THE TAJ MAHAL & TROPICANA CASINOS

WHEREAS, UNITE HERE Local 54 members who work at the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City have had their health insurance, pension, paid lunch breaks and other benefits stripped from them by Carl Icahn; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those cuts 44% of those surveyed reported having no health insurance, and another 23% reported relying on government subsidies for their health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board is prosecuting twenty (20) charges against the Taj Mahal Casino for unfair labor practices; and

WHEREAS, unions constitute a significant percentage of the Atlantic City convention business; and

WHEREAS, workers at the Taj Mahal recently voted to authorize a strike by a 4 to 1 margin; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and Central Labor Councils believe that access to good health care is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and Central Labor Councils wish to support our brothers and sisters at the Taj Mahal; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and Central Labor Councils stand in solidarity with the men and women of the Taj Mahal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and Central Labor Councils call on all of its member organizations to support the workers at the Taj Mahal by not scheduling conventions, retreats or meetings at either the Taj Mahal or the Carl Icahn-owned Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and Central Labor Councils call on Carl Icahn to stop his assault on workers at the Taj Mahal and restore health, retirement and other benefits.

Submitted by: UNITE HERE Local 54

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