

LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Recommendation No. 11

BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:

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Endorsement of Barack Obama for President of the United States

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama assumed the Presidency during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s, and has helped steer the American economy from the brink of a second depression to a record of consistent job growth over the past forty months; and

WHEREAS, three and a half years into President Obama's first term, America is beginning to dig out of the economic hole, including the loss of more than 8 million jobs, that was created by the pro-corporate, right-wing economic agenda of his predecessor administration; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's efforts to grow the economy have been stymied by the efforts of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives and by the Republican minority in the Senate, led by Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (KY), who specifically said in 2009 that his intention was to "beat Obama in 2012" rather than pass meaningful legislation that would help rebuild the economy; and

WHEREAS, the legislative plans of the Obama Administration continue to be blocked by a Congress beset with gridlock and held hostage by ultra-right-wing and "Tea Party" Senators and Representatives who espouse anti-union, antigovernment, and pro-privatization rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has made reductions in postal and federal benefits one of its top priorities, including increases in employee contributions to the Civil Service Retirement System, the Federal Employee Retirement System, and the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has implemented various voter-suppression schemes as a means of using government power to deny legitimate voters the right to cast ballots in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Republican candidate for President, former Governor Mitt Romney, has openly stated his hostility toward unions and working families, and has posted anti-union propaganda on his campaign website; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has worked to support many issues important to organized labor; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has worked to support and maintain the American middle class; and

WHEREAS, the NPMHU sides with President Obama on many of the stark differences between the Obama Administration and Governor Romney on tax fairness, support for veterans' programs and military families, women's

rights, college education, issues of equality, and appointments to the Supreme Court, other federal courts, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and elsewhere in the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, President Obama successfully passed and signed into law comprehensive health insurance reform, giving the promise of health security to millions of our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, President Obama implemented Wall Street reform, which now is beginning to reverse decades of financial deregulation that put our entire economy at risk; and

WHEREAS, through President Obama's appointments, the NLRB finally is taking steps to level the playing field for workers who want to organize, and agencies that are charged with protecting the lives and livelihoods of workers, from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, now are led by competent individuals who are aggressively enforcing the law; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has made the revival of the manufacturing sector a hallmark of his jobs agenda, evidenced by the successful federal effort to rescue the domestic auto industry; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has kept his word by bringing home the troops from the war in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, President Obama said he would work tirelessly to find and destroy Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, and has succeeded remarkably well in that mission; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has received the enthusiastic endorsement of the AFL-CIO and the Laborers' International Union of North America;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Postal Mail Handlers Union will work to register, educate, and mobilize its membership to vote for President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on November 6, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Postal Mail Handlers Union enthusiastically endorses President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden for reelection to a second term in office, and will work toward their victory in the November 2012 elections.