Resolution for PSC to Join Trade Unions for Energy Democracy

Whereas, Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED) is a global coalition of trade unions working to address the climate crisis by advancing democratic direction and control of energy and promoting public development and control of alternative energy sources; and

Whereas, TUED is committed to energy transformation that provides significant job growth and the protection of workers’ rights; and

Whereas, in the U. S. the fossil fuel industry spends both its economic and political capital denying the science of global warming and the increased health and safety risks of using fossil fuels; and

Whereas, TUED stands with us in the education sector resisting the movements to privatize water and education and for the expansion of the public sector in providing such vital services under democratic control; and

Whereas, PSC members marched in force with the broad coalition for climate justice in September 2014; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers and the CUNY community, including PSC members, experienced firsthand the devastation wrought by Sandy; and

Whereas, widespread social analyses (e.g. Naomi Klein’s This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs the Climate) clearly articulate the dangers to all of failing to curb the use of fossil fuels as well as the increased risks to those living close to rising sea levels; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of climate scientists have confirmed the high costs to humanity and the earth of failing to dramatically reduce the use of fossil fuels; and

Whereas, TUED in solidarity with community and environmental groups, can challenge the power of the fossil fuel industry; therefore

Be it resolved that PSC officially join TUED; and

Be it further resolved that through the Solidarity Committee PSC continue its participation in TUED meetings and encourage additional engagement of PSC members in this important work.