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Resolution Endorsing Demonstrations at the Republican National Convention

Whereas the policies and agenda of the Bush Administration and the far-right Republican Party have been disastrous for the working people of the United States and the population of the world; and

Whereas those policies will be reaffirmed and Bush nominated to run for a second term of office at the Republican National Convention to be held in New York City at the end of August, 2004; and

Whereas United for Peace and Justice, a nationwide anti-war coalition with more than 800 member groups, has called for a demonstration on August 29th to oppose the Republican agenda, under the slogan "The World Says No to the Bush Agenda"; and,

Whereas the New York City Central Labor Council is planning a rally on September 1st near the Republican National Convention to protest the Republican and Bush agendas; and,

Whereas the Central Labor Council has gotten a permit from the city to hold their September 1st rally on Eighth Avenue and 30th Street, one block from the site of the Republican Convention, while the city is still balking at giving United for Peace and Justice a permit to protest peacefully within sight of the Convention site; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Professional Staff Congress endorse both the August 29th and September 1st demonstrations against the Bush agenda and urge its members to mobilize for and participate in the protests against the Republican agenda and the Bush re-election campaign; and be it further

Resolved, that the Professional Staff Congress urge the New York City administration to act quickly to grant United for Peace and Justice a venue for their August 29th protest within sight of the Madison Square Garden Republican convention site.