

Unions for All Agenda

SEIU and the Fight for \$15 and a Union unites people from different places and different races to fight for issues that matter to our families. Together, we demand that 2020 candidates unabashedly champion economic and racial justice and commit to throwing open the doors for every person in this country to have the opportunity to join a union, no matter where they work.

America's economy and democracy are out of balance with too much power in the hands of corporations, billionaires, and self-serving politicians who have rigged the system against working families. Their sustained attacks against working people, vilification of immigrant families, and failure to confront the legacy of slavery and anti-Black and structural racism have divided us against one another. Our nation needs a president and elected representatives who will unify us and use all the powers at their disposal to unrig the system and improve the lives of working people.

The opportunity to join a union -- no matter where you work -- is the best way to raise wages, improve working conditions, create family-sustaining jobs, and begin to fix the rigged economy.

Corporations like McDonald's are hurting our communities, feeding a cycle of multi-generational poverty, and exploiting Black, brown, and white working people across the country. Every working person must have the freedom to join unions across industries and regions to improve working conditions. Cities and states should have the freedom to innovate and create new ways to set the table for working people and employers to bargain over wages, workers' rights, and community benefits.

Immigrant families should be welcome, safe, and free in America. Immigrant workers are powerful leaders in our union and integral to the care and service workforces in this country.

Instead of tearing immigrant children from their parents, inciting division and spreading fear, we must extend relief to Temporary Protected Status holders, take care of Dreamers, and enact common sense reforms that provide a clear path to citizenship for hardworking immigrants, prioritize worker protections and family unity, and are consistent with our core values as a nation.

Everyone in America should have guaranteed access to quality, affordable healthcare and long term care. And all healthcare jobs should be good, union jobs.

On a path to universal healthcare coverage, we must invest in and improve the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Medicare, and long term care. This includes empowering the dedicated workers who provide essential, compassionate healthcare and home care services to join together in unions, raise wages, and improve job and service standards.

We must take immediate, bold action on climate change, hold corporations responsible for rampant pollution accountable, and create good, union jobs in a just transition.

Policies to combat climate change must be connected to those that raise standards for all working people and address the needs of communities of color who are most impacted, so that no workers, families, or communities are left behind.

We're committed to winning \$15 an hour and a union for all working people – Black, white, and brown – and using our powerful voice to hold politicians accountable to fight alongside us. It's time to embrace a new future in which anyone who wants to join a union in their workplace can, no exceptions. And it's time for those who have been elected by working people to fight alongside us, no exceptions.

