RESOLUTION OF THE NYC CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO, IN SOLIDARITY WITH SEIU LOCAL 246 AND AGAINST THE OUTSOURCING OF CITY AUTO MECHANICS

Adopted: October 8, 2019

Whereas, New York City SEIU Local 246 represents almost 1,500 members in various Auto Trades titles who maintain and repair one of the largest non-military motor fleets in the world – more than 30,000 vehicles for New York City’s 20 different agencies; and

Whereas, the majority of SEIU Local 246’s members are Auto Mechanics who work at the New York City Department of Sanitation; and

Whereas, SEIU Local 246 has been fighting the City’s attempts at privatization and outsourcing of vehicle repair work for years; and

Whereas, the City of New York has been ignoring SEIU Local 246’s and the Department of Sanitation’s repeated attempts and requests to increase the number of Auto Mechanics needed at that Agency in order to keep up with repairs and maintenance on vehicles and equipment; and

Whereas, SEIU Local 246 has proven that the Auto Mechanic-to-Vehicle ratio far exceeds industry standards, which has led to the City outsourcing vehicles; now

Be It Resolved, that the New York City Central Labor Council, which represents over 300 unions and 1.3 million members throughout the City of New York, is standing behind SEIU Local 246 in its attempts to stop the outsourcing of vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair; and

Be It Resolved, that the New York City Central Labor Council, in solidarity with SEIU Local 246, is calling upon the City of New York to hire more Auto Mechanics that will reduce the Auto Mechanic-to-Vehicle ratio, and thereby lead to all maintenance and repair work being performed inhouse by SEIU Local 246 Auto Mechanics; and

Be It Resolved, that the New York City Central Labor Council will encourage all member unions to individually stand with SEIU Local 246 until all privatization has stopped.

Submitted by: SEIU Local 246