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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT INC. (REI) WORKERS

**WHEREAS:** Boston is a strong city for working families in both the public and private sectors;  
*and*

**WHEREAS:** Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) workers in Boston and at various cities from coast to coast have decided to organize a union with United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445; *and*

**WHEREAS:** REI workers in the Fenway have marched to the company to ask for voluntary recognition with UFCW Local 1445 to no avail; *and*

**WHEREAS:** REI workers in the Fenway had submitted a petition to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for a representation election; *and*

**WHEREAS:** REI has engaged in negative campaign against the union including captive audience speeches during work hours; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The REI corporate brand espouses “progressive values” yet behaves in a manner that is hostile to working families; *and*

**WHEREAS:** REI workers in Boston have overwhelmingly voted to unionize in the election on May 15th, becoming the fifth REI store to win union recognition in the past year;  
*and*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Boston City Council supports REI workers to organize with UFCW Local 1445; *and*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the City Council strongly urges that a fair Collective Bargaining Agreement is accomplished in a timely manner.

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