

PEOPLE: BUILDING POLITICAL POWER

1 **WHEREAS:**

2 Well-funded anti-worker groups continue to attack workers and their unions both in the
3 workplace and through our political system. These attacks are growing in size, frequency and
4 vehemence; and

5 **WHEREAS:**

6 AFSCME members know that if we're not actively participating in the election of pro-worker
7 candidates and getting members involved, that we are losing our voice at the table; and

8 **WHEREAS:**

9 Now more than ever, it is imperative that we elect those that support our members so that we
10 can turn the tide— giving a fair shot to working class people and fighting for the rights of workers
11 to collectively bargain; and

12 **WHEREAS:**

13 AFSCME PEOPLE, our union's political action fund, has shown consistent growth over the last
14 decade. Research shows that when members are asked to contribute they do so, but not nearly
15 enough members are asked to contribute; and

16 **WHEREAS:**

17 In a post-Janus world, it is more important than ever to build our political power by contributing
18 to PEOPLE.

19 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

20 Council 75 will continue to build our political program, strengthen our power and enhance our
21 members participation in the political process by achieving growth in every fundraising year; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

23 All members and leaders of the union will take responsibility for raising PEOPLE funds and
24 PEOPLE fundraising will be integrated in all of our work; and

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

26 We will work to double the number of MVP contributors by next year.

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28 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:**

29 Oregon AFSCME PEOPLE will explore all options for increasing PEOPLE revenue, including
30 increasing donation amounts of current contributors, asking every member to contribute and
31 encouraging their participation in the political process so that our membership recruitment is
32 linked to PEOPLE recruitment.

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34 SUBMITTED BY: Oregon AFSCME Council 75 Executive Committee