

Sample Resolution to Remove Coca-Cola Products from Union Facilities & Functions

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola is complicit in continuing death threats and the systematic intimidation, kidnapping, torture and murder of union leaders and members of their families in Colombia and Guatemala in efforts to crush their unions;

WHEREAS Coca-Cola is a leader in busting unions, undermining union organizing worldwide by outsourcing jobs, supporting brutal police actions against outsourced workers and firing them when they try to join a union;

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola promotes anti-worker and anti-union free-trade agreements;

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola continues to benefit from hazardous child labor in the sugarcane fields of El Salvador;

WHEREAS, many local, national and international unions and labor councils have passed resolutions banning Coke products from their facilities and functions;

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola is depleting and polluting drinking water in Michigan, Mexico, India and elsewhere, and is destroying water sources of entire communities around the world needed for irrigation, drinking and sanitation;

WHEREAS, in July 2006, the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) divested 1.25 million shares of Coca-Cola Co. stock and has banned further investments in its \$9 billion CREF Social Choice Account, the nation's largest socially screened fund for individual investors, because The Coca-Cola Co. does not meet TIAA-CREF's standards as a socially responsible company.

WHEREAS, dozens of colleges and universities and secondary schools have removed Coca-Cola products from their campuses including large universities such as Rutgers (NJ), DePaul (IL) and State University of New York-Stony Brook (NY), as well as smaller campuses such as Smith College (MA), Guilford College (NC), San Jose City College (CA) and Union Theological Seminary (NY).

WHEREAS, these injustices are featured in "The Coca-Cola Case," a film produced in 2009 by The National Film Board of Canada; "Mark Thomas on Coca-Cola," a film premiered on prime-time television in the UK in 2007; "Belching Out the Devil," a book by Mark Thomas published in 2008, and "The Coke Machine," a 2010 book by Michael Blanding;

WHEREAS, the Campaign to Stop Killer Coke's website (www.KillerCoke.org) contains a wealth of well-documented information in print, video, audio and images about Coke's widespread labor, human rights and environmental abuses;

RESOLVED, that [Union X] will ban all Coke products from its facilities, meetings and events;

RESOLVED, that [Union X] calls on its members to help initiate and support resolutions in labor councils, to similarly hold The Coca-Cola Co. accountable by removing all Coke machines and Coke beverages and banning the sale and advertising of Coke products;

RESOLVED, that our members will urge brothers and sisters in other unions to initiate similar resolutions.