



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

August 4, 2026

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AGENDA ITEM

26-137 - Resolution to Support Tufts Facilities Workers Bargaining for a Fair Contract

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, the City of Medford and its residents share a strong interest in seeing through a good quality union contract between Tufts and its facilities workers who belong to SEIU 32BJ; and,

Whereas, these essential workers are employed as utility workers, as maintenance mechanics, in the grounds department, and in a variety of trades positions such carpenters, locksmiths, HVAC mechanics, plumbers, electricians, and more; and,

Whereas, as the largest private employer in Medford and Somerville, and a major Boston-area employer, Tufts University has a vitally important role in setting standards for all working people, particularly those to whom the University owes its buildings' conditioned functioning and its outstanding grounds; and,

Whereas, these proud 32BJ SEIU members' demands for a fair contract are reasonable: fair, family-sustaining wage increases, lower healthcare monthly healthcare premiums, protections for immigrant workers, union benefits and other richly deserved improvements; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we call on Tufts University to support the contract demands of Tufts facilities workers and to set an example of fair treatment and good labor relations for other area employers.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None

