HARVARD LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BODY FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN

RESOLUTION NO. Res-200-002

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SUPPORTED BY: The Health & Wellness Committee,

the Student Affairs Committee, the Academic Affairs Committee, the Public Interest Committee, and the Diversity & Inclusion Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: SUPPORT THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES STRIKE

THE STUDENT BODY OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL ENACTS:

WHEREAS, Harvard University Dining Services (HUDS) workers began a strike on October 5, 2016 with 97% support from the workers,

WHEREAS, the workers are demanding a \$35,000 minimum salary for full-time employees, no cuts to their health benefits, and the prevention of cyclical layoffs and irregular scheduling,

WHEREAS, the per capita income of Cambridge, Massachusetts is over \$48,000,

WHEREAS, Harvard Law School's financial aid plan estimates that students need approximately \$30,000 in living expenses for a period of nine months,

WHEREAS, Harvard University is the wealthiest educational institution on the world, with a \$36 billion endowment,

WHEREAS, the HUDS workers provide a vital service to students and community members,

WHEREAS, the Harvard Undergraduate Council voted 45-3 to endorse the strike,

WHEREAS, students ratified the Student Body Constitution with 81% support, and the Constitution empowers Student Government to express the will of the Student Body through resolution,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Body, through its duly elected representatives, stands in solidarity with the striking HUDS workers, and supports their efforts to obtain fair and equitable terms of employment. We urge the Harvard University Administration to resolve this issue in short order in consideration of both the workers and the students.

PASSED IN COMMITTEE: 10/5/2016

PASSED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL: 10/12/2016

VOTE TOTALS:
__16__ YES
__1__ NO
__1__ ABSTAIN