

1 **Resolution to Support the Farmworker Demands at**
2 **Sakuma Brothers Farms**

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4 **WHEREAS**, Sakuma Brothers Farms, a corporation with holdings throughout
5 the West Coast, has failed to provide a workplace which treats workers with
6 respect and dignity; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, Sakuma Brothers Farms has provided substandard housing for their
9 employees; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Sakuma Brothers has provided for H2A visa workers in terms of
12 wages, food, and housing what they have not provided for currently existing
13 migrant workers in an attempt to displace present workers; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, employees have been asked to work when ill under the threat of
16 termination; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Familias Unidas Por La Justicias (Families United for Justice) has
19 tried to negotiate through mediators and face-to-face with management; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Sakuma Brothers has broken the accords agreed upon in good-faith
22 three times; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, work-stoppages and boycotts will not cease until a contract is
25 agreed upon by the negotiating committee and Sakuma Brothers Farms; and

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27 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 40th Legislative District Democrats supports Familias
28 Unidas Por La Justicia in their labor-related actions at Sakuma Brothers Farms;
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31 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the 40th District Democrats call on its
32 members, legislative delegation, endorsed candidates, the Washington State
33 Democratic Party and other Democratic Party organizations to support the work
34 stoppages and boycott of Sakuma Brothers Farms, Haagen-Dazs, and Driscoll's
35 Berries until the demands of Familias Unidas Por La Justicia are met.

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40 Committee for consideration at its September 21st, 2013 meeting in Ocean Shores.
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