

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

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

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

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

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

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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;

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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;

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27 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Central
28 Committee supports Familias Unidas Por La Justicia in their labor-related actions
29 at Sakuma Brothers Farms; and

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31 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Washington State
32 Democratic Central Committee calls on its members, legislative delegation,
33 endorsed candidates and Democratic Party organizations to support the work
34 stoppages and boycott of Sakuma Brothers Farms, Haagen-Dazs, and Driscoll's
35 Berries until they act in good faith on negotiated demands.

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38 Submitted by the 40th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
39 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its September 21st, 2013
40 meeting in Ocean Shores.
41 (Submitted 9/15/2013)
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43 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
44 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its September 21, 2013 meeting in Ocean Shores.
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46 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 21, 2013 meeting in
47 Ocean Shores.