

SEIU LOCAL 1000 COUNCIL MEETING

January 17 - 19, 2008

Agenda Item: 5 (K)

SUBJECT: Renewed mandate for the Environmental Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Roskey, President 767
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Council allocate a budget of \$6,000 for the current fiscal year for expenses of the committee and that it direct the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local to include adequate funding in future budgets for the operations of the committee, subject to consideration and amendment by the Council.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004 the Council directed the President of SEIU Local 1000 to appoint a committee of five members of the Council to study the following policy and program areas for action:

1. Ways to significantly diminish use of non-renewable fuels and supplies by the Local, SEIU Locals, the labor movement, national, state and local government and state employees and the public.
2. Ways to secure support by labor organizations and the labor movement for programs and legislation at all levels of government to markedly reduce the use of non-renewable fuels and materials and to reduce and contain pollution and to protect global biodiversity in the United States and elsewhere in the world
3. Ways to work with civil rights and community organizations to create programs and legislation at all levels of government to markedly reduce the use of non-renewable fuels and materials and to reduce and contain pollution and to protect global biodiversity.

The Council also authorized the committee to study and recommend proposals to SEIU Local 1000 leadership and the Council.

The authorization of funding for this Committee renews the Council's commitment to action on environmental issues crucial to the future of working people in the State and throughout the world.

ESTIMATED COSTS/SAVINGS: \$6,000

FUNDING SOURCE: Unallocated reserve.

DIVISION ACTION: CARRIED