

FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
BROOKLYN
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Resolution on Congregational Action on Issues

Whereas we are called to affirm and promote our Unitarian Universalist Principles and purposes;

Whereas our congregation's Mission Statement tells us that a spirit of hope and possibility inspires us to fulfill our responsibility to the larger society by promoting justice and peace;

Whereas the Unitarian Universalist Association at its General Assemblies passes Statements of Conscience and Actions of Immediate Witness that call on member congregations to take action;

Whereas a way for the congregation to take action on issues to to add the congregation's name as a sponsor or supporter of actions promoting issue;

Whereas taking a stand on an issue as a congregation can be divisive;

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, shall, by a three-quarters majority vote of those present and qualified to vote, approve resolutions on issues for action by the congregation:

And be it also resolved that established congregational committees and groups be authorized by such vote to attach the congregation's name as a sponsor or supporter of an action through the following process:

1. An established group shall deliver in advance, in writing – on paper or by electronic mail – to the President of the Board of Trustees, or his/her designee, with a copy to the Chair of the Program Council, its intent to add the congregation's name in support of an action promoting an approved issue.
2. The President of the Board of Trustees, or his/her designee, in consultation with the Board's Standing Committee, shall authorize or deny the group's proposal as

soon as possible, but no later than ten days from its submission, with notice to the group in writing, on paper or by electronic mail.

3. If authorized, the President, or his/her designee, shall submit the decision for publication in the congregation's next newsletter.

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