Mobilize Labor to stand against racist and fascist hate groups

Whereas, there has been a sharp increase in racist and anti-immigrant attacks across the country in recent days, and

Whereas, numerous hate groups have stated that they will stage menacing provocations in many areas, including the Pacific Northwest, and

Whereas, groups like the KKK and other racist organizations represent a deadly threat to African Americans, Latinos (and other people of color), immigrants, Muslims, Jews (and other marginalized religious groups), LGBTQ, among many others, and represent a threat directly to the members of this Union, and the labor movement as a whole, and

Whereas, the white supremacist forces are related to the origins of anti-labor “right to work” laws in order to destroy unions because they believed unions would lead to uniting and empowering the multi-national, multi-racial, working class to resist these attacks, and

Whereas, if the US labor movement is to rebuild its strength during this period of crisis of racist organizing and attacks, it must take up the struggle against white supremacy/white nationalism, not as an abstract debate, but as part of its social, political, and organizing agenda, and

Whereas, unions are considered a threat to many fascist groups, and other racist organizations because the unions are working class defense organizations for all workers in the community, and

Whereas, we stand by the principles of the UBC, who’s constitution states, “we recognize that the interests of all labor are identical regardless of occupation, sex, national origin, religion, or color, for a wrong done to one is a wrong done to all. We oppose all unlawful discrimination and harassment against workers, whether based on race, gender, nationality, or any other basis.”

Therefore be it resolved that the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters stands ready to join with the broader labor and social justice community in mobilizing against the clear and present danger that the provocations of racist and fascist organizations pose to us all.