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## Victory to the HUDS workers of Local 26 on strike!

**A living wage and quality health care are rights! End Racism & Discrimination in the Kitchens, Now!**

The Monica Moorehead & Lamont Lilly 2016 Presidential Campaign is proud to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers at Harvard who lovingly cook and feed the world's people there.

Harvard University's endowment of \$38 billion puts this corporation at the top of the wealthy Ivy Leagues, a larger treasury than many countries. With giants of finance capital like Goldman Sachs, Bank of America and Citigroup writing its contract proposals and titans of the U.S. military, diplomatic, economic and technocratic corps running its Kennedy School of Government, Harvard's plan to attack its food service workers' health insurance while keeping wages for many below \$35K per year is clearly a political policy of austerity aimed at the whole of the U.S. and international working class.

To add insult to injury, Harvard is allowed by capitalist tax code to pay no taxes, including unemployment insurance, so that during summer and January school breaks, workers are laid off and forced to fend for themselves with no income.

By throwing down the ladles and hitting the bricks, the 750 Harvard University Dining Service (HUDS) workers, who serve 25,000 meals a day, are holding the line and fighting back for tens of millions of workers across the country and around the world who are facing corporate and government attacks on their health, welfare and living standards. Latinx, Asian, African, Black, white, just out of high school and holding out for retirement – HUDS workers are facing off scab deliveries of frozen foods, halting construction at vaulted halls, banging drums and proclaiming through bullhorns, “¡Sí se puede!” as they rally in prestigious Harvard yard for the justice they deserve, have earned and which everybody knows Harvard can afford.

Inspired by the historic Black Lives Matter movement at Harvard last semester, when students won victories to abolish the racist “house master” title and discard a Law School coat of arms depicting its founder's slaves at work, the strikers' demands include the establishment in the collective bargaining agreement of a task force to combat racism and discrimination in the kitchens. The Moorehead / Lily Campaign applauds the Union's three pages of groundbreaking language that will strengthen gender identity protections, stop management abuse of the CORI box in hiring, and permit immigrant workers leave up to a year with job security and other rights not protected by federal law.

Contrary to Harvard's vicious propaganda, HUDS workers have been enthusiastically joined on the strike lines by hundreds of students, faculty, clerical and technical workers, groundskeepers and supporters from across greater Boston who feel this fight as their own. Not only has Harvard gouged its own students, demanding a king's ransom and a lifetime of debt peonage. It has moved to turn faculty into part-timers, too. It has demanded, and won, huge concessions from some of its other workers and retirees. Its sprawling real estate empire has caused spiraling neighborhood rents and forced mass dislocation throughout the communities of Cambridge and Boston. Its conglomerate businesses – from charter school administration to public health to government consulting – have pushed privatization, uberization and militarization to new, precarious levels.



Adams House dining service workers, Oct. 5, 2016 — Strike Day 1  
 Photo Credit: Ed Childs, Chief Shop Steward, Local 26

The communities of Boston view the HUDS strike as their own and the HUDS workers as family who are being threatened and must be defended by every means necessary.

It is the HUDS workers who are teaching Harvard and its neo-liberal masters a lesson most profound, that “An Injury to One Is An Injury to All!”, and that there is no power greater than workers who unite in direct action and demand, “If we don't get it, SHUT IT DOWN!” Workers World Party joins the HUDS strikers in their resounding vision that, indeed, a better world's in birth!

**Full time jobs for all, Now!  
 For a minimum \$35K wage at Harvard!  
 Hands Off our health insurance!**

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