

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT \$15 MILLION IN
CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE FUNDING
FOR THE UCLA LAWSON WORKER JUSTICE CENTER**

WHEREAS, the UCLA Labor Center was established in 1964, serving as an important resource for research, teaching, and public service serving unions and workers of California for nearly 60 years;

WHEREAS, the UCLA Labor Center has partnered with the California State Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and has contributed to worker policy initiatives before the California State Legislature, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the Los Angeles City Council for decades;

WHEREAS; the Downtown Labor Center has been located at 675 S. Park View St. in Los Angeles for 19 years, and has made historic contributions to the working class, immigrants, and communities of color;

WHEREAS; innovative worker justice projects such as the Black Worker Center, Dream Resource Center, and the Workers and Learners project have been developed and launched at the Downtown Labor Center;

WHEREAS; Rev. James Lawson Jr. is a civil rights icon and champion of social justice¹;

WHEREAS; Rev. James Lawson Jr. was a close friend and colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Congressman John Lewis, and countless other civil rights and labor leaders;²

WHEREAS, Rev. James Lawson Jr. was hailed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the world's leading theorist and strategist of nonviolence³;

WHEREAS; Rev. James Lawson Jr. has taught at the UCLA Labor Center for 19 years, and has inspired thousands of young people through his teachings on Nonviolence;

WHEREAS; Rev. James Lawson received the UCLA Medal, its highest honor, in 2018⁴, and was inducted into the California Hall of Fame based on Governor Gavin Newsom's recommendation⁵;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC supports and endorses the request for a \$15 million California State Legislature allocation to support the purchase and renovation of a permanent home for the UCLA Labor Center.

¹ <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/civil-rights-activist-james-lawson-awarded-ucla-medal>

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⁵ <https://www.californiamuseum.org/inductee/reverend-james-m-lawson-jr>

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC commemorates the UCLA Labor Center and the UCLA Labor Studies department for its crucial work giving students the opportunity to learn about the workplace and the social, political, and economic forces that influence it.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the USAC supports and endorses that the permanent home for the UCLA Labor Center be named the UCLA Lawson Worker Justice Center.