

MTA Board of Directors' Meeting
ITEM OF NEW BUSINESS

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MOVED:

LABOR DEFENDS DEMOCRACY

Donald Trump and his enablers represent the most direct threat to American democracy since the McCarthy Era in the 1950s. If Donald Trump and his enablers attempt to obstruct, subvert, sabotage, overturn or reject a fair and complete count of presidential ballots (essentially a coup against democracy), or take any other steps to inhibit the peaceful transfer of power, organized labor and its allied labor organizations must respond with nonviolent action to defend the democratic process, the Constitution and an orderly transfer of power that is one of the historic hallmarks of American democracy. His presidency has been a disaster for the labor movement, the nation, and the world.

Therefore, be it resolved that the MTA, in collaboration with other labor and progressive forces, will take whatever nonviolent actions are necessary to protect our democracy, the Constitution, the law, and our nation's democratic traditions.

RATIONALE:

While we hope that this NBI will not have to be used, it is important that we are prepared to act if, as many are predicting, steps are taken to undermine our democracy. We have a great deal of power as public education workers to advance actions to protect our voting process and the peaceful transfer of power following an election.
