



UAW Divests from Israel Bonds

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After UAWD members forced the amendment onto the Constitutional Convention agenda, UAW delegates voted to divest the union's reported

ucking a decades-long trend of sidelining questions of international solidarity and silencing Palestine liberation, delegates to the 39th UAW Constitutional Convention in Detroit, Michigan voted June 18th to [divest from Israel bonds](#). The UAW reportedly holds [at least \\$400,000](#) in these investments. Delegates from [Unite all Workers for Democracy \(UAWD\)](#), the class struggle movement of the UAW, representing UAW members across the country, led the effort to divest.

UAW members have been fighting to divest dues money from Israel bonds for over fifty years. In the 1970s, the UAW Arab Workers Caucus [picketed UAW events](#), [struck](#), and organized for the [1974 UAW Constitutional Convention](#) demanding divestment. Workers redoubled their efforts after the apartheid state escalated its genocide in October 2023.

UAWD developed and organized to advance a [class struggle program](#) of Constitutional amendments, grounded in UAWD's principles of rank-and-file militancy, workers' democracy and workplace control, international working class solidarity, and political independence. The program includes a [stronger version](#) of the divestment amendment to end the UAW's complicity with Israeli genocide and end imperialist wars. UAWD members brought the amendment to membership meetings in several locals across the country. Members at locals 869, 1115, 2320, 2325, and 7902 voted to send the amendment to the Convention.

UAW leadership initially excluded divestment from the Convention's agenda. On Wednesday, June 17 UAWD member Olga Karounos, a legal services worker from New York, made a motion to call the [amendment](#) out of committee. 147 delegates stood in support, clearing the 128 required to agendaize the amendment. The amendment was debated and adopted by the Convention Thursday, June 18. A [previous UAW Executive Board](#) vote on divestment failed on May 3, 2024. The vote came after sustained worker pressure and demands for action on the issue from multiple union locals.

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(BDS) picket line. Labor for Palestine has organized protests and resolutions in the UAW and in unions across the labor movement, and many of the UAWD members who advanced the divestment amendment are also long-time Labor for Palestine members.

Earlier in the day on Wednesday, UAWD member Mike Davis, a parts manufacturing worker from Ohio, made a motion to call the stronger pro-Palestine amendment to the floor. In addition to forcing divestment, UAWD's amendment to [End Complicity With Israeli Genocide and Imperialist Wars](#) would support workers who strike to interrupt weapons flows to Israel, set endorsement criteria for politicians, and cut ties with the apartheid Histadrut labor organization. 69 delegates stood in support of Davis' motion, falling short of the 128 required.

UAWD delegates also brought amendments to fight [layoffs](#) and [ICE](#) to the Convention. UAW leadership also excluded these resolutions from the agenda and UAWD delegates called for them to be debated. These amendments, and the stronger pro-Palestine amendment, threatened to disrupt production and labor-management agreements that maintain labor peace.

UAWD's amendment to [Fight Layoffs with Work Sharing](#) would require UAW negotiators to bargain work sharing provisions, spreading available work across the entire bargaining unit instead of throwing some workers out of a job. The resolution notes that "[thousands of UAW members](#) have recently been laid off at John Deere, Stellantis, General Motors, Ultium, and numerous IPS facilities." On Tuesday, June 16 UAWD member Margie Thornton made a motion to call it out of committee. 62 delegates stood in support, falling short of the 128 required.

UAWD's amendment to [Abolish ICE and Fight State Attacks on Workers](#) would trigger membership meetings to discuss striking in the event of ICE attacks in the area. UAW Local 2325 has already implemented a [similar structure](#). On Tuesday, June 16 UAWD supporter Andrew Eichen made a motion to call it out of committee. 162 delegates stood in support, clearing the 128 required. Shawn Fain's United caucus organized against the resolution in their Wednesday morning

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Unite all Workers for Democracy (UAWD) is the class struggle movement of the UAW. UAWD members across the country organized in their locals to send class struggle amendments to the Convention and ran as delegates from their locals.

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