

STATE OF INDIANA)
CLERK) SS:
COUNTY OF LAKE)

IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY
OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY
INDIANA

CERTIFICATION

I, SUZETTE RAGGS, the duly elected CITY CLERK of the City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a full, true, correct and complete copy of the following Ordinance (s):

ORDINANCE NO. 3145

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MEMBERS OF UNITED STEELWORKERS
LOCAL 7-1 AND URGING BRITISH PETROLEUM TO RESUME GOOD-FAITH
BARGAINING AND END THE LOCKOUT AT THE BP WHITING REFINERTY**

I FURTHER CERTIFY that said Ordinance is on file and a matter of record in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Gary, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate seal of the City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana this 24th day of June, 2026.




SUZETTE RAGGS, CITY CLERK
The City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana

COUNCIL PENDING RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-05
RESOLUTION NO.: 3145
AS AMENDED _____
CERTIFICATION DATE _____
CERTIFIED BY _____
FAVORABLY _____
UNFAVORABLY _____

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gary recognize the vital role that union workers and organized labor play in strengthening local communities, supporting families, and sustaining the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, United Steelworkers (USW) Local 7-1 represents approximately 800 workers at the British Petroleum (BP) refinery in Whiting, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2026, British Petroleum locked out approximately 800 members of USW Local 7-1 from their jobs; and

WHEREAS, many of these workers and their families live in, and contribute to the civic life of Gary; and

WHEREAS, British Petroleum recorded a net profit of \$3.8 billion in Q1 2026 as families in Northwest Indiana struggled financially due to historically high fuel prices; and

WHEREAS, the lockout has placed significant financial and emotional strain on working families who are living without their regular paychecks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports jobs that provide a living wage, quality health care, safe working conditions, and secure retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, USW Local 7-1 has indicated that its members were locked out after rejecting proposals that would eliminate more than 100 local jobs, reduce pay, and weaken seniority and bargaining rights; and

WHEREAS, USW Local 7-1 has raised serious concerns regarding the health and safety risks of operating the refinery with replacement workers instead of the trained, experienced local workforce that is familiar with the facility, its equipment, and its hazards; and

WHEREAS, the efficient and safe refining and production of petroleum products is critical to working families, consumers, and the regional economy, particularly during times of economic instability; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials have a responsibility to advocate for the health, safety, economic security, and general welfare of their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of Gary expresses its solidarity and support for the locked-out members of United Steelworkers Local 7-1 and their families.

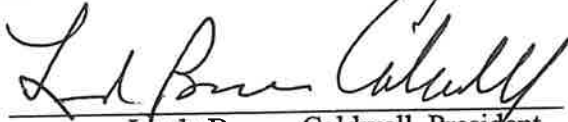
Section 2. The City Council urges British Petroleum to immediately end the lockout of USW Local 7-1 members at the Whiting refinery.

Section 3. The City Council further urges British Petroleum to return to the bargaining table and engage in good-faith negotiations toward a fair agreement that protects local jobs, respects workers' rights, and ensures the long-term safety and stability of the refinery and our surrounding communities.

Section 4. The City Council recognizes that restoring these experienced workers to their positions is essential for the economic stability of Northwest Indiana and the safe operation of the BP Whiting Refinery.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to representatives of the United Steelworkers, British Petroleum, and appropriate state and federal elected officials.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the City Council of the City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana.


Linda Barnes Caldwell, President
Gary Common Council

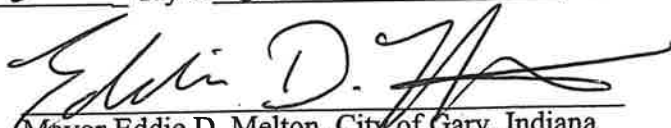
ATTEST:


Suzette Raggs, City Clerk

PRESENTED BY ME to the Mayor for his approval and signature this 17th day of June, 2026.


Suzette Raggs, City Clerk

APPROVED and SIGNED by me this 22nd day of June, 2025.


Mayor Eddie D. Melton, City of Gary, Indiana

PREPARED BY: Carla Morgan, Law Department

SPONSORED BY: Eddie D. Melton, Mayor

C.P.A. 2026-05/3145
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT Public Safety Reported-out/Date 6-16-26
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3rd Reading/Date 6-16-26 Final Reading/Date 6-16-26
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