

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHESTERTON TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL 7-1 AND URGING
BRITISH PETROLEUM TO END THE LOCKOUT AT THE WHITING
REFINERY AND RESUME GOOD-FAITH BARGAINING**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2026, British Petroleum (BP) locked out approximately 800 members of the United Steelworkers Local 7-1 from their jobs at the Whiting refinery; and

WHEREAS, many of these workers and their families live, work, worship, volunteer, shop, and participate in civic life throughout Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the lockout has placed significant financial and emotional strain on working families, but also for local businesses, schools, neighborhoods and municipal economies throughout Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, local governments have a responsibility to speak in support of the health, safety, economic security, and general welfare of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Chesterton Town Council recognizes the importance of resolving this dispute quickly, fairly and in a manner that respects workers, protects good jobs, and promotes the safe operation of the Whiting refinery,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chesterton Town Council as follows:

SECTION 1: The Chesterton Town Council expresses support for the locked-out members of the United Steelworkers Local 7-1 and their families.

SECTION 2: The Chesterton Town Council urges British Petroleum to immediately end the lockout of United Steelworkers Local 7-1 members of the Whiting refinery

SECTION 3: The Chesterton Town Council further urges British Petroleum to return to the bargaining table and bargain in good faith with United Steelworkers Local 7-1 toward a fair agreement that protects local jobs, respects workers' rights, and supports the long-term safety and stability of the refinery and surrounding communities.

SECTION 4: The Chesterton Town Council recognizes the importance of experienced, trained refinery workers in maintaining safe operations at a facility that directly affects the health and safety of Northwest Indiana Communities.

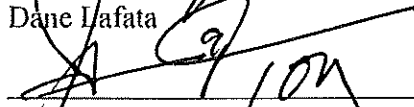
SECTION 5: A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to British Petroleum, United Steelworkers Local 7-1, state and federal elected officials representing Northwest Indiana, and other parties deemed appropriate by the Town Council.

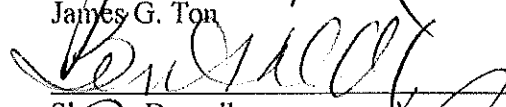
ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Town Council of the Town of Chesterton on this 24th day of August, 2026.

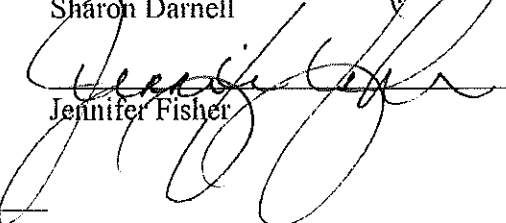
CHESTERTON TOWN COUNCIL


Erin Collins, President

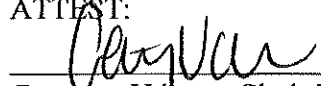

Dane Lafata


James G. Ton


Sharon Darnell


Jennifer Fisher

ATTEST:


Courtney Udyare, Clerk-Treasurer

