

**IATSE Local 26 Executive Board Solidarity with the Tampa 5**  
July 28, 2023

WHEREAS IATSE Local 26 West Michigan Stagehands Union Executive Board dedicates itself to improving the lives of working families, bringing fairness and dignity to the workplace and securing social equity in society;

WHEREAS we support union workers, students, and advocates who stand with labor, who stand for social equity and against injustice;

WHEREAS on March 6, 2023, worker and student protestors at the University of South Florida rallied against anti-union and anti-higher education legislation being pushed by Governor DeSantis and other extremists wishing to hurt our unions and hurt higher education;

WHEREAS as a result of the rally, police arrested and harmed peaceful protestors who were demanding the USF administration stand for social equity, against harmful legislation;

WHEREAS five individuals were subsequently arrested, their names being students Gia Davila, Lauren Pineiro, Laura Rodriguez, Jeanie K as well as AFSCME Local 3342 member Chrisley Carpio and charged with trumped up charges, facing possible jail time by a Governor DeSantis-appointed State Attorney;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that IATSE Local 26 Executive Board supports the demands by labor and community advocates calling for Hillsborough County 13th Judicial District Attorney Susan Lopez and prosecutor Justin Diaz to drop the charges, including multiple felony charges, against the Tampa 5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, IATSE Local 26 Executive Board stands with AFSCME Local 3342 in supporting union member Chrisley Carpio in her grievance process in getting reinstated and made whole.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, IATSE Local 26 will take the following action:

1. We resolve to mobilize labor activists to rally and make phone calls and send messages on the dates of the Tampa 5's court appearances and trial, starting with August 9, the next court appearance.
2. We resolve to reach out to and gain the public support of elected officials to oppose the continued attacks by Floridan Governor DeSantis on labor unions, student groups, and higher education, and programs supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion.