CONSTITUTION OF THE GREATER BOSTON (MASS) LABOR COUNCIL AFL-CIO
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

(Including amendments as read at meeting, November 10, 1964)

PREAMBLE)

WHEREAS, experience has proved the value and necessity for a general union among workers of different callings, so that concerted action may be had upon matters of common concern, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, as representatives of the various unions of Metropolitan Boston in order to gain this end, do adopt the following:

THE OBJECTS of the Council shall be to secure united actions of all organizations affiliated with the AFL-CIO, within its jurisdiction and to protect, maintain, and advance the interests of all working people in its territory, to extend unionism on the basis of organization, to secure and enforce legislation in the interests of the working people, to promote recognition of collective bargaining in industry, and to increase public understanding of the labor movement.

ARTICLE I

NAME

This Association shall be known as the GREATER BOSTON (MASS) LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The Greater Boston (Mass) Labor Council, AFL-CIO shall consist of delegates from any of the regularly constituted Unions of Boston, Brookline, Newton, Needham, Wellesley, Weston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Everett, and Revere; all delegates shall be bona fide members of organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

SECTION 2.A. No person other than a duly accredited delegate or alternate shall be permitted to occupy a seat (except those especially provided for visitors) when the Greater Boston (Mass) Labor Council, AFL-CIO is in session, without consent of two-thirds of the body present.

2.B. No organization or person that has seceded or holds membership in an organization that has been suspended, or expelled by the American Federation of Labor, or by the Congress of Industrial Organizations, or by any national or international organization connected with the American Federation of Labor or Congress of Industrial Organizations, shall, while under such penalty, be allowed representation in this Greater Boston (Mass) Labor Council, AFL-CIO. No organization or person controlled or dominated by communists, fascists, or other totalitarians, or whose policies and/or activities are consistently directed toward the achievement of the program or purposes of the Comunist Party, and fascist organization, or other totalitarian movement, shall be allowed representation or recognition in this Greater Boston (Mass) Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

SECTION 3. Affiliated unions shall notify the Executive Secretary-Treasurer in writing on the official stationery of their organization of the names and addresses of their delegates and alternates, as well as the number of members on which per capita tax is paid. Such names and addresses to be kept in a book provided for that purpose.

SECTION 4. The credentials of delegates and alternates must be reviewed by the Credential Committee, which shall make its report to the membership. Only after approval by the membership and after taking the oath of obligation can a delegate, or alternate when acting in the place of a delegate, be seated with voice and vote. Each affiliated union shall be allowed one alternate for each delegate to which it is entitled. Alternates shall only have voice and vote when substituting for a regular delegate from the same affiliated union.