

Resolution Date: 11th October 2016

Resolution Title: Opposing Austerity Through the GLA

This Branch welcomes the massive mandate given to Jeremy Corbyn's anti-austerity leadership in the recent leadership election.

We also note the rejection of austerity and racism represented by Labour's victory in the London Mayoral and Assembly elections; a campaign strongly supported by Unite.

The new Mayor Sadiq Khan has said that he wants to be London's "shop steward" and has raised progressive ideas such as rent control. But statements such as *"I like the fact that London is home to 140 billionaires. I like the fact that there are 400,000 millionaires"*, combined with sniping at the elected leadership of the Party suggest an unwillingness to pursue an anti-austerity path.

The Greater London Assembly could focus anger at austerity in London. It must not be used as a base to challenge the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn. We therefore call on Sadiq Kahn to:

1. Support the anti-austerity leadership of Labour.
2. Call a halt to 'social cleansing' schemes and call on London councils to support tenants in campaigning against the Housing and Planning Act and refusing to implement it.