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City council endorses labor organizing agreements

In a show of support for an impending campaign by the Service Employees International Union to organize workers at the Bos-



ton's teaching hospitals, city councillors voted 10-0 in favor of a resolution calling for hospital executives to sign "free and fair election agreements." Such agree-

ments replace federal labor organizing procedures with rules that can make it easier for a union to organize employees. The SEIU said it wants to ensure hospital employees do not face intimidation or other unfair tactics aimed at discouraging them from voting in favor of the union. It has already won the backing of Mayor Thomas M. Menino, who last week appeared at a pronoun rally in the Longwood Medical Area with actor Ben Affleck. (Mark Pothier)