

## TIPS FOR PASSING A RESOLUTION

Organizers from across the U.S., who have passed Resolutions on Cuba, want to share these winning strategies. We encourage you to initiate a resolution to expand public support for removing Cuba from the **U.S.** List of Nations That Sponsor Terrorism. This effort is part of our wider campaign to lift the **U.S.** blockade on Cuba.

- 1. First, reflect on your city, county board, state legislature or labor union and decide on where you want the resolution to be passed. A body known for taking progressive stances on other political issues is a good starting point.**

Form an organizing committee from your community or use your existing solidarity organization.

2. Gather resources, data to support your resolution: On the this ACERE website you'll find a sample resolution on the Terrorism List; a fact sheet on the impact of the Terrorism List and a list of states, cities, counties, labor unions that have passed resolutions supportive of Cuba. These documents will provide find the information you want in your resolution.
- 3. Identify a sponsor or author for your resolution who has a commitment to solidarity with Cuba. Think about choosing your own State representative or city councilperson since they are likely to want to work with you. However, if that person is not appropriate then the person who has most closely identifies with Cuba may be the best choice.**
4. Draft a proposed resolution and collaborate with the sponsor/author to make any changes that they think would strengthen it.
5. Develop a lobbying plan with your organizing committee to promote your resolution.
- 6. Build relationships with the elected or union officials who will consider and vote on your resolution. Meet with them to explain the resolution, the rationale behind it, and what can be achieved. It is important to have a one-page summary for your pitch and lobbying.**
7. Identify prominent and grassroots local allies to support the resolution.
- 8. Get to know someone with experience in lobbying who can advise you on the process for getting your resolution passed. Members of our Local Resolutions Committee can also be a good resource for you. Contact us by email: [gprevost@csbsju.edu](mailto:gprevost@csbsju.edu)**

9. Build broad-based community support for the resolution. Ask advocates to contact officials prior to their vote. Make sure to inform the media about the resolution vote.
  
- 10. Resolutions calling for Removal of Cuba from the Terrorism List are powerful tools, building increasing support in U.S. municipalities, states and labor unions for ending the blockade and normalizing relations between Cuba and the U.S. Join us!**