Background

Whereas, the primary election will occur in the state of Maryland and Montgomery County on June 28, 2022;

Whereas, Brandy H.M. Brooks – a Metro D.C. DSA member since 2017 and a tenant advocate and environmental and racial justice organizer – has applied for Metro D.C. DSA's endorsement of his campaign for the at-large seat on the Montgomery County Council by completing an endorsement questionnaire;

Whereas, The Metro DC Chapter and the national organization of DSA endorsed Brandy Brooks for the same office in 2018, putting her in striking distance of victory as a first-time candidate for office by helping her garner 26,214 votes;

Whereas, Brandy Brooks was the first candidate to qualify for public financing from the Public Election Fund reaching the required number of donors and total donations to within 72 hours of launching her campaign, leads the field in fundraising, and has already surpassed the amount raised in her 2018 campaign;

Whereas, according to Brandy Brooks' completed <u>questionnaire</u>, once on the Montgomery County Council, Brandy would prioritize fighting for housing as a human right amid a national eviction crisis, building an economy that empowers the labor movement and centers the needs of the working class, and organizing for climate justice with a just transition away from fossil energy towards a sustainable economy;

Whereas, before debating and voting on this resolution in December 2021, members of our Metro DC chapter and the Montgomery County branch will have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidate in at least one conference call question-and-answer session;

Whereas, based on previous efforts to support endorsed candidates in similar local- and state-level elections, members of Metro D.C. DSA have shown that we can rally the level of support necessary to help endorsed candidates win their races, despite extremely well-funded opposition.

Resolution

Sponsor: Elissa L

Co-Sponsors: Nicole Z, Gabriel A, Max S, Michelle W, Rachel B, Devorah S, Runal D, Karishma M, Carl G, Alexander B, William S, Chris W, Krista L, Stephen M, Zach W, Richard R, Susan R, Roseann S, Brian C, Ingrid F, Robert S, Ingrid G, Tara R, Kerry Grace M, David M.

Resolution to Endorse Brandy Brooks

Therefore, be it resolved that the general body of the Metro D.C. Democratic Socialists of America: Endorses Brandy H.M. Brooks in her campaign for an At-large seat on the Montgomery County Council.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the relevant working group for chapter electoral operations in Montgomery County, MD be authorized to campaign in support of Brandy Brooks including with the use of the MDC DSA Maryland Political Action Committee "MDC DSA Solidarity PAC."