

Labor Resolution for Twin Cities DSA Chapter Convention

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Whereas, a socialist future is impossible without a strong socialist presence in the unions and in the working class in general, and whereas, the unions are still the strongest sector of the working class and still hold enormous power to impact the economy and the political life of the U.S.

Therefore, be it resolved that TCDSA must make organizing the unorganized a priority at Amazon warehouses and other logistics sites, in the service industry, in the healthcare industry, education work and other industries with priority given to being in union drives and worksites that have a high percentage of Black and brown workers and women workers.

We must enlist DSA members to salt in industries and develop organizing partnerships as we have with unions like UNITE-HERE Local 17 in the service industry. To facilitate this process the Labor Branch will be tasked with creating a jobs committee to create a pipeline for comrades who wish to switch jobs or start jobs in high priority industries. This will help the process of creating a majority of DSA members who are in union jobs or in organizing drives.

Resolved that TCDSA must put a high priority on being involved in strike support and contract battles by attending rallies and picket lines and taking all measures to help create a culture of solidarity in the Twin Cities Labor Movement. The chapter shall establish a DSA strike fund as part of this effort.

Resolved that on the electoral and legislative fronts our chapter and labor branch must support class struggle candidates and help break labor from support of corporate democrats which has crippled the labor movement. We must be part of important working class legislative efforts such as taxing the rich to pay for social programs and passing the PRO Act. We must fight to bring labor and workers into the fight against climate change and for the GND explaining that unions must be at the forefront of creating a new democratic, union economy that can save the planet. We must bring the fight for racial and gender equity and against white supremacy and misogyny into the heart of the labor movement by supporting efforts like Yes4Mpls.

Resolved that we want to transform unions into democratic, militant, member led organizations - into powerful, democratic vehicles for class struggle. We want to be part of creating unions that use rank and file direct action to take on the boss and the boss class.

Resolved that we must involve the entire chapter and bring labor and worker organizing into the center of chapter activity by:

- Having regular reports from the labor branch into the SC and chapter.
- Engaging many more comrades in the jobs pipeline.

- Making sure leadership attention is given to developing worker circles by industry/union. (Currently we have worker groups in AFSCME, MAPE, UFCW, School workers/education, Service industry/Local 17/ROC, Teamsters.)
- Charging the labor branch with developing a jobs plan, including which industries are a priority.
- Developing a chapter wide educational program around labor history, issues, background and concrete organizing skills to help comrades immerse themselves in the workers movement.