

A Motion to Create an Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Passing Legislation during Memphis' Election Timeframe

WHEREAS Article VIII, Section 2, Subsection 3, in conjunction with Section 4 of the same Article of our Bylaws, give Standing Committees, and for the purposes of this Motion specifically the Electoral and Policy Committee, the authority to establish Ad Hoc Committees via motion; and

WHEREAS Ad Hoc Committees are established by Standing Committees for a temporary time and for a specific purpose; and

WHEREAS coordinating electoral activities and campaigns fall within the scope of the purpose of the Electoral and Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS structural barriers exist that inhibit working people specifically, and the polity at large, from meaningfully participating in the governance of the city council of Memphis and the City at large; and

WHEREAS increasing political participation in the governance of our polity in order to affect positive change in people's material conditions is in line with the purpose and operating principles of our Chapter;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED that an Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Passing Legislation during Memphis' Election Timeframe (PPLMET) be established for the time period spanning the passage of this motion until the Annual Assembly of 2024.

PPLMET's tasks shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Completing research on two or three issues to target for a chapter campaign to pass an ordinance through Memphis City Council;
2. Coming to a consensus on a single issue to target for a chapter campaign to pass an ordinance through Memphis City Council and reporting on the rationale and decision at the next General Meeting;
3. Crafting the language of the ordinance;
4. Mapping a path to completion and developing a timetable for passage of the ordinance;
5. Mapping stakeholders, allies, and fellow travelers who we can learn from and partner with to work toward shared objectives;
6. Developing and working with comrades internally and externally to facilitate a city-wide education campaign to raise awareness of the proposed ordinance;
7. Developing and working with comrades internally and externally to facilitate a pressure campaign on city council to increase the likelihood of passage of the proposed ordinance;
8. Reporting to the chapter at the Annual Assembly on outcomes of the campaign and next steps.