Resolution to Make Zoom Easier

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Whereas, East Bay DSA as a chapter currently has access to three Zoom accounts (plus the staff Zoom account), each with one user,

Whereas, this causes problems for committees and campaigns trying to use Zoom and involves a long process for our calendar manager,

Whereas, we currently pay about $97 a month ($1164 a year) for one account, $48 a month ($580 a year) for another account, $16 a month ($192 a year) for the staff Zoom Pro account, and have intermittent access to DSA Line 1 for free (a total of **$1936 a year** or **$161 a month**),

Whereas a Zoom Pro account is about $16 per user a month and supports 1-9 users with up to 100 participants, and a Zoom Business account is about $21.5 per user a month and supports 10-99 users with up to 300 participants,

Whereas, paying for two Zoom Pro accounts with a total of 15 users, including one for staff, would cost about $16 per user per month, or **$2880 a year**, but would not accommodate meetings of over 100 people,

Whereas, we can address this with one Zoom Business account for events like General Meetings for $21.5 a month or **$258 a year**,

Therefore be it resolved that we will cancel our existing Zoom accounts except the Staff one, and Steering approves **$3138 for this yearly Zoom expense**,

Therefore be it resolved that the committees who will be users will be Steering, Political Education, Operations, Branches (one per branch), Labor (two because of the various projects), Housing, Climate Action, Electoral, and Racial Solidarity, Membership/Ed/Comms (largely for new member cohort and ongoing member development).

Therefore be it resolved that the Staff Organizer will still be a user,

Therefore be it resolved that, if committees need more than one Zoom at once (e.g. for conflicting sub-committee meetings), they can ask to borrow another line,

Therefore be it resolved that if new standalone committees are approved by Steering, Steering also approves the additional approximate $16 a month for that committee to become a user (we can use the Staff account here),

Therefore be it resolved that committee co-chairs will have the ability to schedule Zoom meetings as their own users without having to rely on a calendar manager,

Therefore be it resolved that there will still be a level of accountability in what kind of events committees host on Zoom, because they will originate from co-chairs, and because the Calendar Manager(s) will still have to approve event requests to go on the chapter calendar and social media.

	Cost	Committees with their own line	Advantages and disadvantages
What we pay now	$161/month, $1936/year (see reso above)	None, except staff has one	Unwieldy, requires a lot of calendar manager, lots of hiccups, no one can schedule their own Zoom
9 users (100 person limit) plus 1 account with 300 person limit	$16 per user per month, or $1728 a year, plus $21.5 per month for the big account. Total **$165.5/month, $1986/year**	Staff, Steering, Political Education, Operations, Branches (one total), Labor (one total despite many projects), Housing, Climate Action, Electoral, and Racial Solidarity, Membership/Ed/Comms (largely for new member cohort and ongoing member development) - **this is everything but we'd have to decide two to cut**	Spending about the same money we are now. Would have to be missing some committees
11 users (100 person limit) plus 1 account with 300 person limit	$16 per user per month, or $2112 a year, plus $21.5 per month for the big account. Total **$197.5/month, $2112/year**	Staff, Steering, Political Education, Operations, Branches (one total), Labor (one total despite many projects), Housing, Climate Action, Electoral, and Racial Solidarity, Membership/Ed/Comms (largely for new member cohort and ongoing member development)	In staff's opinion the best option. Not much more than we're currently spending, pretty much everyone gets a Zoom although some limitations with multiple labor projects and branches
15 users (100 person limit) plus 1 account with 300 person limit	$16 per user per month, or $2880 a year, plus $21.5 per month for the big account. Total **$261.5/month, $3138/year**	Staff, Steering, Political Education, Operations, Branches (one per each of 2 branches), Labor (2 because of the various projects), Housing, Climate Action, Electoral, and Racial Solidarity, Membership/Ed/Comms (largely for new member cohort and ongoing member development), Comms, one extra	Everyone gets their own account plus backups, essentially, but expensive