

AfroSOC Caucus - Section Application

The AfroSOC Caucus of Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America (MDC DSA) formally requests to convert our formation structure and name to the Afrosocialists and Socialists of Color Section (AfroSOC) in order to better educate, organize, and build solidarity to win material gains for Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color in the DMV in accordance with MDC DSA principles and priorities. This request is co-sponsored by: Kareem E. (he/him), Abel A. (any pronouns), Imara C. (he/they), Irene K. (she/her), and Joshua L. (he/him).

Mission Statement

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Bylaws

Section 1. Name

The name of this section shall be the Afrosocialists and Socialists of Color Section (AfroSOC).

Section 2. Purpose

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Section 3. Membership

Membership in AfroSOC is open to all Metro DC DSA members in good standing who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and/or Person of Color).

Section 4. Decision-Making. (i.e. how do we speak with one voice)

Wherever possible and practical, decisions will be made in consultation with the AfroSOC membership in a good-faith effort to reach consensus. Members may request to bring an issue or decision affecting the Section to a vote by submitting a written request and/or resolution to any member of the Leadership Council. In cases where consensus cannot be reached, actions of the AfroSOC section membership would require a 2/3rds affirmative vote of members present and voting.

Section 5. Leadership Council

The Leadership Council of the Afrosocialists and Socialists of Color Section shall consist of five (5) elected members. Elections for positions shall be held on the second Monday of November, and terms shall run from the time officers are elected until successors are elected. As necessary, and with prior consultation and consent of the entire Section, the Leadership Council may call for elections for new leadership positions to facilitate future projects, campaigns, or relevant actions. The Leadership Council

may designate any member of the AfroSOC Leadership Council to the MDC DSA Campaign Council or appoint another member of AfroSOC to this role.