

## **RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

**WHEREAS**, ICE and other federal agencies are encroaching on the peoples rights here in Nevada and Las Vegas, and

**WHEREAS**, effective strategies to improve community safety are becoming more and more necessary due to not only the aforementioned government encroachment, but also right-wing militia groups, and

**WHEREAS**, LVDSA engages in and hosts community events and protests that may come in contact with aforementioned law enforcement, right-wing militia groups, and other outside agitators, and

**WHEREAS**, preventative planning and situational awareness are some of the most impactful strategies to increase group safety, and

**WHEREAS**, members and others who engage with our chapter can reduce the likelihood of dangerous interactions by employing effective de-escalation tactics, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a general need for first aid training in LVDSA,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a working group named “Community Safety Working Group” (CSWG) shall be created, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the CSWG shall have the following bylaws:

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Community Safety Working Group (CSWG) is to promote the safety and wellbeing of our members by reducing risks of violence, harassment, or unwanted disruption. We do this through:

- de-escalation tactics
- first-aid training
- establishing clear communication strategies for public actions
- ensuring members know their legal rights for protesting and interacting with law enforcement

### **2. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

Membership in the Community Safety Working Group is open to all LVDSA members in good standing.

To be considered a member of the Community Safety Working Group, the member must:

- Fill out the Community Safety Working Group Signup Form
- Attend at least two WG events/meetings quarterly to remain in good standing to vote on WG business

### **3. LEADERSHIP**

#### **Election**

The Community Safety Working Group will be led and represented by two elected Stewards. Candidates must be a member in good standing of Las Vegas DSA for at least 30 days before running for Steward.

The term of office for Working Group Stewards shall be one year, and shall run from August 1st to July 31st or until their successor is elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Steward, the working group will hold a special election to elect a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Elections will be conducted by a system of single transferable vote (STV) voting. If a position is uncontested, the nominee will be declared elected by acclamation.

#### **Responsibilities**

The Stewards will serve as official points of contact for the working group and fulfill the responsibilities laid out in Las Vegas DSA's chapter bylaws. Stewards will also ensure the following duties are maintained:

- Taking attendance for all working group meetings through the use of a sign-in sheet or other method and keeping the records organized and accessible to the LVDSA Steering Committee
- Submitting names of all official members quarterly to the LVDSA Steering Committee
- Appointing a notetaker for each meeting to take notes during the meeting and to summarize key points and action items in the working group's designated channel after the meeting

### **4. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these working group bylaws may be made at any time. Amendments will need to be submitted to the Stewards and a majority vote of the working group will be required for proposed changes to take effect.

### **5. DISSOLUTION**

Any section may be dissolved by the following mechanisms: a majority vote of its members, failure to maintain five active dues-paying members, inactivity for more than one year, or a two-thirds vote of the members present at a general body meeting.

## **6. SCOPE**

The Las Vegas DSA chapter bylaws always take precedence over the Community Safety Working Group bylaws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG shall be tasked with providing and/or arranging training for LVDSA members on the topics of first aid, situational awareness, de-escalation techniques, disaster preparedness, legal rights for protesting and interacting with law enforcement, and any other training that falls under the purpose of the CSWG and is deemed necessary by the general body of LVDSA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG shall provide training by licensed trainers when possible, and when no licensed trainer is present, attendees must be informed of that fact so that the trainee may make an informed decision on attending the rest of the training.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG will only provide training to individuals who sign waivers that acknowledge the potential risk of injury at training events, and that LVDSA holds no responsibility for trainees using said techniques, skills, or trainings, at public events, or in their private life or for potential injury at said training events.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG shall train and, when possible, provide marshals to protests, rallies, and events, or any other gathering deemed necessary by the general body of LVDSA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG will follow the best practices and training of DSA's Red Rabbits security group.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG may communicate or coordinate over secure, private channels, such as Signal, as long as at least two Steering Committee members are included in the private channel,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG will aim to have at least 25 LVDSA members trained in first aid, de-escalation tactics, protest safety tactics, and any other training deemed necessary by the general body of LVDSA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG will be responsible for tracking, evaluating, and providing reports on any risk or threat to LVDSA and the community at large.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG will provide the general body a definition of how they will assess risk and threat within 60 days of adopting this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG shall aim to meet at least twice a month, covering a total of 24 times over the next year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG will look for opportunities to coordinate with other LVDSA campaigns, working groups, and committees to fulfill the purpose of this group.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG may request from the general body of LVDSA an appropriation of funds for training, events, or other costs that may be incurred while meeting the purpose of the group,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CSWG shall not be a militia, and shall not be used as such. The purpose of this working group is to train our members in non-violent de-escalation tactics, and keep our community safe, and will follow all laws federal, state, and local, in regards to such.

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