

East Bay DSA Summer General Meeting

Sunday, July 30, 2023
11am-1pm
Omni Commons and [Zoom](#)

Time	What	Who
11:00 AM	Settle in, welcome	Laura C
11:05 AM	Approve this agenda	Laura C
11:10 AM	Who we are	Lexi R
11:15 AM	UPS campaign update and Teamster BBQ announcement	Caitlin J
11:25 AM	UPS solidarity photo and poster handout	Jonathan M
11:30 AM	Resolution to Endorse People's Transit Alliance's Campaign to End the Transit Worker Shortage Vote: PASSED , near-unanimous	Chairing: Laura C; Motivating: Dori G
11:35 AM	Two candidate speeches	Chairing: Ella T
11:40 AM	Debate and vote: Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez endorsement Vote: PASSED , near-unanimous	Chairing: Ella T
12:00 PM	Debate and vote: Jovanka Beckles endorsement Vote: PASSED , 56 yes 18 no	Chairing: Yari G
12:25	Treasurer's report	Ella T for Dani T
12:30	Staff report	Nate A
12:35	Dues pitch	Rottem S
12:45	Announcements	Laura C
12:55	Announce social after the meeting and adjourn	Laura C

Start monthly dues 🌹❤️ >

This is different from the dues you already pay to the national organization. 100% of local dues goes straight to East Bay DSA to fund our strike support, running socialists candidates, paying



rent at our office, and more!

Resolution to Endorse the Petition to AC Transit: End the Transit Worker Shortage! Campaign

Submitted by Dori Goldberg (co-chair, People's Transit Alliance), Sultana Adams (co-chair, People's Transit Alliance), Jonathan Martin, Richard Marcantonio, Josie Ahrens, Sylvie Burkholder, Henry Vogt, Keshav Kundassery, Ella Teevan, Susan Schacher

Whereas, a reliable, safe, and just public transit system is only possible through the proper treatment of the workers that operate that system: this means adequate pay, training, and safe working conditions; and

Whereas, the People's Transit Alliance successfully supported rank-and-file AC Transit workers in ATU Local 192 in their [campaign](#) in 2021-22 to win hazard pay, by supporting worker organizing and building solidarity among AC Transit riders through rider canvassing in Berkeley and Oakland, among other tactics; and

Whereas, the People's Transit Alliance proposed, and the workers enthusiastically agreed, to grow the People's Transit Alliance into a unique alliance of front-line transit workers and riders, in order to continue building solidarity across the East Bay's multiracial working class and to achieve the governing power needed to win the working conditions and transit service that transit workers and riders need and deserve; and

Whereas, there has been an ongoing hiring and retention crisis affecting frontline transit workers at AC Transit, worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, and which has harmed riders through the inability of AC Transit to restore service levels, which were drastically cut during the COVID pandemic and through delays which staffing shortages impose on scheduled service; and

Whereas, the [AC Transit Board of Directors](#) did not reinstate Line 80, a critical transit lifeline serving working class people of color along the Ashby corridor, specifically because AC Transit could not adequately staff the route due to the transit worker shortage; and

Whereas, Jovanka Beckles, an East Bay DSA member and endorsed elected on the AC Transit Board of Directors, supported by ATU 192, held a successful town hall meeting [to hear from rank-and-file members](#) about the causes and conditions of the retention and hiring crisis; and

Whereas, the People's Transit Alliance created a [petition](#) based on the causes and solutions brought forward by the workers themselves, and corroborated by their elected union leadership; and

Whereas, the People's Transit Alliance launched a petition campaign kickoff at the 2023 Annual Convention of East Bay DSA and a kickoff canvass in Hayward on June 22nd; and

Whereas, through canvassing, supporting ATU 192 rank-and-file organizing, and outreach to unions with members who ride the bus, PTA will recruit transit workers and riders to join us in demanding that AC Transit management end short staffing by implementing solutions that ATU 192 members identified as means to fix the current hiring and retention crisis; and

Whereas, a petition campaign serves as an initial structure test, and method for base building; and

Whereas, organizing to end the transit worker shortage presents an opportunity to create relationships with rank-and-file members within ATU 192, and create solidarity between transit workers and riders; and

Therefore be it resolved that East Bay DSA endorses the People's Transit Alliance's [Petition to AC Transit: End the Transit Worker Shortage!](#); and

Be it further resolved that the chapter's various committees and branches will share the petition and amongst their active members, and with partner organizations; and

Be further resolved that the chapter will advertise and recruit for events and actions related to this campaign using our internal recruitment tools.

Resolution to Endorse Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez for OUSD D5

Submitted by East Bay DSA's Electoral Committee

Whereas the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) is within the jurisdiction of East Bay DSA;

Whereas the OUSD has a vacancy in District 5 (D5) to be filled by a special election in November 2023;

Whereas Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez completed the EBDSA candidate questionnaire, the EBDSA Electoral Committee interviewed her in June 2023, she attended an EBDSA candidate forum in July 2023, and she affirms that she is a Democratic Socialist;

Whereas the Oakland Education Association (OEA) has endorsed Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez for OUSD D5 and EBDSA has a close working relationship with OEA;

Whereas the EBDSA Electoral Committee voted 13 yes, 0 no, with one abstention, on July 20, 2023 to endorse Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez for OUSD D5;

Therefore be it resolved, that East Bay DSA endorses Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez for OUSD D5;

Be it further resolved, the Electoral Committee will be tasked with supporting the campaign.

Resolution to Endorse Jovanka Beckles for California State Senate District 7

Submitted by East Bay DSA's Electoral Committee

Whereas the California State Senate District 7(SD7) is within the jurisdiction of East Bay DSA;

Whereas the current elected, Senator Nancy Skinner, is termed out and the primary election is scheduled for March 2024;

Whereas Jovanka Beckles completed the EBDSA candidate questionnaire, the EBDSA Electoral Committee interviewed her in March 2023, she attended an EBDSA candidate forum in July 2023, and she affirms that she is a Democratic Socialist;

Whereas EBDSA endorsed Jovanka Beckles for her current position (AC Transit Board) and in 2018 EBDSA endorsed her for California State Assembly;

Whereas Jovanka Beckles is endorsed by the Richmond Progressive Alliance (with whom EBDSA has a close working relationship), Our Revolution, a number of Teamster locals, and several elected officials;

Whereas the EBDSA Electoral Committee voted 8 yes, 5 no, with 2 abstentions, on July 20, 2023 to endorse Jovanka Beckles for SD7;

Therefore be it resolved, that East Bay DSA endorses Jovanka Beckles for SD7;

Be it further resolved, the Electoral Committee will be tasked with supporting the campaign.