

Springs of Revolution

Movements grow through ruptures that expand the political imagination of the working class, and revolutionary action that puts power in our hands to transform the world. Springs of revolution mark the epochs in working class mass political consciousness.

This platform is focused on transforming DSA into a revolutionary mass political force that can rise to the moment by advancing our anti-imperialist politics, with Palestine as our compass, and fighting state repression through abolitionist organizing and immigrant defense. Our organizing projects engage labor, student, immigrant, and liberation movements in broad coalitions with humility and discipline as we build up the community fabric that we need to break through imperialist repression and deliver working class victories.

We are presenting a package of five resolutions: three are focused on political priorities for DSA in the current moment; the remaining two outline structural reforms to build up strong chapters, bound by shared, coherent national standards, that can grow local bases of power and make the necessary political interventions in our communities.

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Who We Are

We are a cross-tendency network of comrades united around transforming DSA into a revolutionary mass political force. Growing out of several springs of revolution over decades and the 2023 Anti-Zionist Slate, we have served in local and national leadership across DSA, including YDSA, the electoral and labor projects, and the International Committee. We have led Palestinian liberation and abolitionist organizing in DSA, including the Gaza solidarity encampments, local and national coalitions, the Uncommitted and No Votes for Genocide campaigns, and BDS work such as No Appetite

For Apartheid, Mask Off Maersk, Stop Fueling Genocide; as well as the 2020 George Floyd uprising, Stop Cop City coalitions, and local campaigns to strip police budgets and fight criminalization. Our roots extend further beyond, to Occupy and the Arab Spring. We draw inspiration from key revolutionary moments that have broadened our political horizon in recent decades. These ruptures don't arise from a vacuum; they emerge out of deep, intentional organization to identify, plan, build, and escalate on key working class issues. DSA must become a willing and active partner in moments of mass mobilization and subsequent phases of escalation necessary to develop the political imagination and power of the working class.

Political priorities

For a Fighting Anti-Zionist DSA

Palestinian liberation is the moral compass of the socialist movement, and we must unify around it across organizing projects. This resolution builds on the guidelines of the Anti-Zionist Resolution introduced by Ahmed H. and passed by the 2023-2025 National Political Committee, making the expectation that DSA-endorsed candidates walk arm-in-arm with us on Palestine applicable to all levels of our electoral project, and establishing expectations for our mass membership. These standards provide a necessary material counter-weight to electoral Zionist lobbying groups in our local coalitions and races. In order to build upon the organizing in support of Palestinian liberation that DSA members have done in the last few years, we have a comprehensive, multi-pronged organizing plan. Our resolution expands uptake of the Stop Fueling Genocide, No Appetite for Apartheid, and Mask Off Maersk campaigns; establishes an Arms Embargo Steering Committee to increase coordination across labor, legislative, and community organizing efforts to disrupt the flow of weapons to Israel; supports chapters in pursuing divestment through pressure campaigns and ballot initiatives; and develops strategies to protect the movement and build resilience against state repression.

Fight Fascist State Repression and ICE:

Escalating fascist repression by the Trump Administration – targeting university students, immigrant and minority communities, and cracking down on political dissent – is the most urgent existential threat to the socialist movement in the current political moment. Socialists must be on the front lines in fighting back against fascism. Recent years have shown that grassroots mass abolitionist organizing, from the university encampments to street actions and community defense work, have drawn thousands of people towards socialism and been a key point of activation within the working class. In order for DSA to effectively lead in the fight against fascism, we must have a firm political foundation through which to mobilize the masses into political organization. This resolution prioritizes this grassroots approach and presents three strategic points of activation where DSA can make an incisive intervention: (1) making immigrant defense

an organizational priority through a national *Abolish ICE* campaign; (2) supporting chapters in building local and state-level campaigns around abolitionist demands; (3) scaling up our ability to fight state repression by strengthening Red Rabbits and building infrastructure to support comrades facing repression.

Building a United Front Toward 2028:

Two important political events in 2028 – the presidential elections and the labor movement’s response to the UAW call for a May Day strike – present crucial opportunities for agitational mass organizing. We require independence and leverage to intervene successfully and win working class victories in 2028, and we must be willing to engage productively with our partners across left, labor, and liberation movements in pursuit of a united front. In order for DSA to scale up its organizing infrastructure in the next three years to prepare for 2028, this resolution makes it a priority for DSA to take incremental steps to explore building a broad Left-Labor electoral coalition capable of organizing the foundation of independence from the duopoly, and directs DSA to convene a 2028 Planning Committee to explore the viability of different organizing strategies, liaise across national bodies, and build local chapter preparedness in preparation for 2028.

Structural reforms

Locals-First DSA: Increase Dues Income for Locals and Stabilize National Budget:

DSA’s deepest, most consistent, and impactful organizing happens in our local chapters. Dues share is the lifeline of our local chapters which allows them to pursue ambitious campaigns, maintain equitable membership engagement, and build roots in their local communities. This resolution doubles the local chapter’s share of dues to 40% of all dues income by 2027 and thereafter, giving our locals the resources they need to build and sustain new organizing. Giving 40% of dues to locals is in line with best practices adopted across the labor and socialist movements, from the Communications Workers of America Union (CWA) and United Auto Workers (UAW) to left parties such as Partido dos Trabalhadores (PT) in Brazil. The resolution also ratifies and increases our national reserves policy to stabilize our national budget, gives chapters the option to receive monthly disbursements, and sets guard rails against cutting dues share in the event of worsening financial health in the organization.

One DSA: Toward a Unified Endorsement Process:

DSA’s electoral project is one of our greatest assets – but when our elected officials, local chapters, and national organization are unable to move with one voice, our electoral project is unable to act, and the entire socialist movement suffers from indecision and disorganization. This resolution abolishes DSA’s current two-tiers endorsement process, which separates the local endorsements conferred by chapters and the national

endorsement conferred by the NPC, and replaces it with a unified endorsement process whereby electoral candidates endorsed by their local chapter will be considered endorsed by DSA as a whole. This new process will standardize endorsement criteria across chapters, establish a consistent endorsement revocation process applicable to all endorsed candidates, and make all endorsed candidates eligible to benefit from the full power of DSA's mass membership and national organization.