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East Bay DSA

Steering Committee Meeting Agenda 1.5.25

Sunday, January 05, 2025 (Mtg #12 of '24-'25 term)

Attendance: zach, kevin, dale, juan, victoria, Rane, Dani, Mitra, Ana

Minutes:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9893758240>

When	What	Facilitator	Motivator/ Speaker
10:00-10:05	Settle-in	Victoria V	
Consent	Confirm Yuesen Y as Office Lead	Approved by acclamation	
Consent	Approve 12.15.2024 SC meeting minutes	Approved by acclamation	
Notes			
10:20-10:40	Closed Session: Discussion: Charges against John H. Motion: a. Expel John H for violations of chapter code of conduct b. Notify the National Grievance Officer of the expulsion. c. Notify chapter leaders via Discord channel. 1. Pass 8 yes 0 no 1 abstain	Victoria V	Zach W
Notes			
10:40-11:00	Resolution for Two Days of Philippine Society and Revolution Public Talks in Vallejo 1. Shea is the motivator for this resolution. 2. Dale: Is this Group endorsed by the national DSA? Shea: He does not know but other chapters have endorsed the group.	Juan C	

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	3. Mitra: Is this a political organization? Shea: No, it is a teaching group. 4. Zach: When is this event and will it conflict with the next General Membership meeting? Shea: Yes it will conflict with the General Membership Meeting due to other conflicts but it is possible the time could be changed to an hour later. Shea says the group will be okay with moving the start time. 5. Zach : Amendment to change start time to 2pm. Amendment passed 8 yes 0 no 1 abstain. 6. Victoria: Is this a one off event or are you thinking we do more with this group? Shea: He is not sure yet. 7. Zach: It is good that we are doing work in Vallejo. 8. Main resolution Passed 9 yes 0 no		
11:00-11:15	<u>Resolution to Create an EWOC Workers Circle with UFCW Local 5</u> 1. Joe C. is the motivator of this resolution. 2. Dale: Is someone from DSA in the EWOC group? Joe: Yes and a DSA member will be at the meetings of EWOC. 3. Dale: Will the group discuss real workplace issues at this meeting? Shea: Only in general terms with no specific workplace identified. 4. Victoria: Do we need a DSA lead for this group? Shea: Not now but it might be a good idea in the near future. Our work with the group is modeled off work with this group by the New York DSA chapter. 5. Dani: Will folks be able to zoom in to the meeting? Shea: yes	Juan C	

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	6. Juan: This is a great idea because it will diversify our labor connections to a broader set of unions. 7. Victoria: Asks for the meeting to go to committee as a whole. Passed by acclamation. 8. Zach: EWOC is great because it is focused on concrete organizing rather than gripes. 9. Mitra: Will there be food at meetings? Joe: yes 10. Resolution passed 9 yes 0 no		
11:15-11:35	<u>Resolution to Plan a Chapter Wide Electoral Debrief</u> 1. Max M. is the motivator for this resolution. 2. Dale: Have you discussed with Nikkan about data for this meeting? Max: not yet 3. Ana: Is this event being organized by the Electoral Committee? Max: no 4. Dani: What are the follow ups to do for this meeting? Max: still in development 5. Juan: This event is on how our campaigns in November operated. 6. Zach: Will this event be reported back to these campaigns? Max: No just to DSA members involved with campaigns. 7. Mitra: Who is the audience for this event? Max: Anyone in DSA who is interested.	Juan impC	Max M

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	8. Dale: Has this resolution been reviewed by the Electoral Committee. Max: not directly 9. Zach: Are you open to revising the proposed structure? Max: yes 10. Dale: I think this resolution needs further review before we approve. 11. Victoria: We need a chapter wide review. 12. Dani: Resolution needs further development. 13. 14. Max: He is okay with moving the date of the event. 15. Juan: He expects low attendance but is okay with the event happening. He is skeptical of whether this will provide useful information for future electoral work. 16. Mitra: Amendment to strike date from resolution. 17. Amendment passed 6 yes 1 no 2 abstain 18. Dale: Amendment that this event be reviewed by the electoral committee before implementation. Zach: Does not think it is necessary. 19. Failed 1 yes 6 no 2 abstain 20. Primary Resolution passed 5 yes 4 no		
11:35-11:55	Resolution to Endorse Seeing Red Events	Zach W	Dani T/Izzy M

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	1. Dani is the motivator for this resolution. 2. Victoria: Is this a blanket endorsement? What is the leadership structure of a group? Dani: Group that puts on events and it is a blanket endorsement. 3. Dale: What happens at these events? Dani: Group has speakers come speak about issues on which they are experts. 4. Mitra: Will the group use the DSA office? Dani: Probably not needed right now. 5. Victoria: Can we table at events? Dani: yes 6. Victoria: Amendment to ask the political education committee to endorse these events and be responsible for tabling at events. a. Rane: amendment is inconsistent with main resolution. b. Zach: He thinks our endorsement will not be an issue. c. Dani: Amendment too bureaucratic and not needed. d. Victoria: We need someone to review events of this type. e. Mitra Kevin: Amendment to change endorsement to say we promote. f. Ana: Is this event under the DSA Political Education Committee? Dani: no g. Rane:She is concerned that endorsement wording is problematic. 7. Secondary Amendment Passed 6 yes 3 no 8. Primary amendment:		
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	a. Rane: She thinks we need more flexibility about who from DSA tables at the event. b. Zach: Who tables should not just be the Political Education Committee. c. Juan: This amendment will ensure that someone is responsible for tabling. 9. Amendment Passed 7 yes 2 no 10. Base Resolution: Passed 9 yes 0 no		
11:55-12:00	January General Membership Meeting Discussion Zach: We will need help to set up the meeting. Juan: He expects break outs groups to bring information back to the Steering Committee.	Zach W	

Resolution for Two Days of Philippine Society and Revolution Public Talks in Vallejo

Motivation

The Philippine Society and Revolution (PSR) session provides a crucial opportunity to connect DSA's principles of global solidarity, anti-imperialism, and worker solidarity to the lived experiences of Vallejo's diverse population. With over 20% of Vallejo residents identifying as Filipino, yet with left politics underdeveloped across demographics in the city, these sessions are a direct intervention to raise class consciousness. By addressing the core systemic problems of Philippine society—semi-feudal and semi-colonial structure, rooted in its feudal social base of imperialist rule, bureaucrat capitalism, and land-based exploitation. This event will illuminate how these systemic issues connect to local struggles against capitalism and global imperialism. Through this, participants will gain a sharper understanding of the shared stakes in dismantling exploitative systems.

This event is strengthened by the support of local Filipino organizers from the SF East Bay, who bring experience in delivering PSR workshops. The DSA's involvement adds logistical capacity and promotional reach as well as connecting international liberation struggles to organizing efforts in Vallejo. While this event is currently planned as a two-day, stand-alone effort, it can serve as a foundation for future collaborations and deeper connections with the local Filipino community.

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WHEREAS, over 20% of the Vallejo Population is Filipino, yet left politics are not yet well-developed in Vallejo within the Filipino demographic or any other.

WHEREAS, Autonomous Gallery, headed by Zachary G., has become an important site for left political organizing in the SoNaR Branch, hosting DSA events and playing a leadership role in our Stop Tech City Campaign.

WHEREAS, the topic of “Philippine Society and Revolution” (PSR) has been presented to good effect elsewhere in DSA (Notably, Philly DSA, e.g. [PhillyDSA Presents "Philippine Society and Revolution" with Anakbayan](#))

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the SC of EBDSA approves a two day event with a curriculum for the public developed by local Filipino organizers including Shea G. (DSA member) and Andrew P. (DSA ally) to be hosted at Autonomous Gallery (as a first choice, with another local small venue to be used if scheduling does not line up), on the following topics:

- The Three Basic Problems of the Philippines (Feudalism, Imperialism, Bureaucrat Capitalism)
- Class Society and Solutions to These Three Problems
- A Brief History of Revolutionary Action Against the Colonialists, US Imperialism and Militarism

EBDSA SoNaR will handle logistics and promotions.

This presentation is tentatively to be held over two days, on January 11 and 12 (with the event on the Sunday not starting until 2pm, to not conflict with the EBDSA GM)

Resolution to be motivated by Shea G.

Resolution Supported by the Following Members in Good Standing

Shea G.

Josie M.

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Ruscal C.

David C.

Sean M.

Victor L.

Brendan S.

Paul S.

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Resolution to Create an EWOC Workers Circle with UFCW Local 5

Authors: Joe C, Althea B, Valerie M, Kevin S, Hugh S

WHEREAS, campaigns supported by the East Bay Workplace Organizing Committee (EBWOC) have expressed interest in a space where they can learn from other organizing workers.

WHEREAS, workers themselves can fulfill EBWOC's teaching role in guided discussions. "See it, do it, teach it" as a learning model strengthens the skills of both the teacher and student while freeing up EBWOC volunteer labor.

WHEREAS, a workers circle facilitates connections between organizing workers, bringing them into the broader Bay Area labor movement with EBDSA at the center.

WHEREAS, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 5 has offered to support the organization of the circle. UFCW's stated interests in assisting with the project include:

- Maintaining the stamina of worker-organizers, who will feel less isolated and more energized in a community of workers struggling through the same challenges.
- Engaging workers in the broader Bay Area labor movement.
- Supporting workers that UFCW lacks the capacity to devote more intensive resources to.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, EBWOC will accept support from UFCW Local 5 to organize an Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee (EWOC) Workers Circle. When EBWOC consents, UFCW will promote the workers circle and refer suitable workers to join.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the workers circle will not have UFCW branding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, EBWOC-supported campaigns will continue to be free to affiliate with any union of their choice; UFCW does not expect EBWOC to necessarily direct organizing workplaces to them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the workers circle will be hosted at the EBDSA office or other locations selected by the organizers. Attendance data will be held by EBWOC.

Supplemental Material:

[EBWOC Workers Circle Proposal](#) discussed in EBWOC meeting.

[New York EWOC's Running a Workers Circle Guide](#), the model we are basing off of.

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Resolution to Plan a Chapter Wide Electoral Debrief

Submitted by: Max M

Cosigners: Victoria V

Whereas, a key component of a scientific approach to socialism is revisiting past work in order to learn from it.

Whereas, East Bay DSA endorsed several candidates for office for the Nov 2024 election, with a mixed record of success.

Therefore be it resolved, East Bay DSA will hold a Chapter Wide Electoral Debrief with chapter vice chair Victoria V as MC and agenda-setter and Max M as the event bottomliner.

Therefore be it resolved, a budget of \$250 is allocated for food and drinks at the social.

Therefore be it resolved, the electoral debrief will set aside agenda time to discuss each of the campaign efforts for the 2024 cycle including:

- Jovanka Beckles
- Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez
- Carroll Fife
- Jenny Guarino
- Berkeley Rent Board - Dominique Walker, Xavier Johnson, Avery Arbaugh, Alfred Twu
- Richmond City Council - Claudia Jimenez, Melvin Willis

Therefore be it resolved, campaign leads from each of the above campaigns will be invited to speak and answer questions, and encouraged to submit a written reflection beforehand for review by attendees and any other interested chapter members.

Therefore be it resolved, a note taker will be designated, to capture the reflections shared by the attendees, and the notes will be shared on the discord.

Resolution to promote Seeing Red events

Submitted by: Dani T, Hamsa, Izzy M

Copy taken from Juan C's resolution [Resolution to promote Seeing Red's Søren Mau Q&A](#)

Whereas

- Seeing Red organizes social and intellectual leftist events in the east bay. While Seeing Red is an independent organization it contains many East Bay DSA members & its goals of creating a communist culture in the region align with ours.
- Over the past half year, they have put on 3 events, with turnout of around 80-100 attendees at each, attracting many Bay Area leftists both inside and outside DSA. These events have both enriched the cultural and intellectual life of current DSA members and attracted new people to DSA.

Therefore be it resolved,

- The East Bay DSA Steering Committee endorses, and authorizes the Political Education Committee to promote, Seeing Red events, by putting them on the chapter calendar, sending an email out to chapter membership & promoting them on the chapter discord server.
- The Political Education Committee will oversee East Bay DSA tabling at Seeing Red lectures for campaigns and other relevant chapter efforts.