

Amendment proposed by: Ramy K, Aram F, Philip L

Stephanie Gallardo for Congress WA-09

The names of at least five members who have committed to work on organizing the campaign

In this context, “organizing” means engaging in activities such as planning and attending meetings, publicity, recruitment, orienting volunteers, planning event logistics, working in coalition with other groups, etc. as opposed to participating in activities like participating in canvasses or tabling. You can include contact information for any if you want, though it is not required.

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Goal(s) of the campaign

Elect Stephanie Gallardo as the next DSA member of Congress. Use the electoral campaign to expand DSA, especially in south King County. Raise support for the following key issues:

- Immigration: Creating a humane and just system of immigration
- Education: Funding and supporting public schools at a level that has never been attempted in history. Funding nurses, counselors, college and career experts, building relationships with trade and technical colleges. Eliminating student debt.
- Collectivization: Building union power and redistributing wealth to workers.

Estimated budget for the project

May 2022 - November 2022 budget (field) : ~\$20,000

This campaign will not use any Seattle DSA funds. We hope to raise the following for fieldwork and voter engagement through phonebanks and collaboration with Seattle DSA members. Our flyers will proudly display Seattle DSA logos and values, and there will be DSA materials at every tabling and canvassing event to help grow the socialist movement.

Voter Outreach Field Tech (Nationbuilder database + Field Edge app) - \$4,000

Printed Materials - Postcards via Abracadabra - \$5,000

Printed Materials - Yard signs via Abracadabra- \$5,500

Printed Materials - Other flyers via Abracadabra - \$3,000
Misc. Canvassing, (tables, food for volunteers, buttons, etc) - \$2,500

Timeline for the project

Tabling - now through November
Petition signature gathering to qualify for ballot - Now through May 20
Canvassing and Phonebanking - May through November
Primary - August 2, 2022
General election - November 8, 2022

Different ways members can contribute to the project

Currently we are tabling every weekend, and we are about to start weekday tabling. These are all on the Seattle DSA calendar and we are regularly recruiting 5-8 volunteers per session. Many of these volunteers had not been active in DSA in the past. We are starting some small test canvasses in April, with an official launch of the field operations in early May. The Gallardo campaign is also committed to tabling and signature gathering with Transit Rider Union's "Raise the Wage" campaign in Tukwila, as Tukwila falls within the 9th Congressional District. Additionally, Stephanie builds her website policy platforms collaboratively with DSA members with specific areas of subject expertise, so that folks can contribute knowledge to the campaign. Ongoing policy committee meetings continue to gain support from DSA members contributing research and writing. Phonebanking to fellow DSA members is another way that folks can get involved to spread the word about events and encourage others to volunteer to elect a socialist to Congress. Members can also donate to Stephanie's campaign, \$2900 max in the primary and \$2900 max in the general. Please donate here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dsa-sea> Finally, we are recruiting union members to take the fight for Stephanie's endorsement to their locals – another way the campaign can spread the word about socialism and DSA.

Opportunities the campaign presents for chapter recruitment

Seattle DSA for Gallardo has been organizing tabling for over a month, and we have already activated many formerly inactive members, especially in south King County. This includes a committee of youth from Renton High School, who are forming other committees at other high schools in the district to participate in Seattle DSA for Gallardo events.

As we start canvassing (again with an emphasis on south King County) we will have the opportunity to talk to many voters, particularly working-class communities and communities of color, about our demands, DSA, and socialism.

Why you believe this is winnable

The incumbent is really out of touch with the district, is funded by the defense industry, and has been in office for over 20 years. Sarah Smith showed us in 2018 that he is vulnerable, so a stronger candidate with chapter backing may be able to unseat him, though this will require a stronger movement. Additionally, a clear win is that Stephanie Gallardo is willing to work closely with DSA, build our organization, remain accountable to DSA and campaign on socialist messaging, which has never happened before in this district's history.

How it would help build power for working class people in Seattle / King County

Stephanie is running unapologetically as a democratic socialist. She is a union leader and a teacher, prioritizing immigration reform, a Green New Deal, education justice, labor power, and Medicare for All. She will use her office as a tool for movement building and work to redirect resources away from the defense industry and into helping working class people. This is obvious from the way she is running her campaign.

Any other information you'd like to share