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**Whereas**, Donald Trump and the Republican Party have made clear their intentions to conduct the "largest deportation operation in history," criminalize political dissent and advocacy (including threats and campaigns to prosecute immigration lawyers, Black Lives Matter activists, climate organizers, and pro-Palestine protesters as "terrorists"), institute political purges using Schedule F, defund universities that refuse to crack down on Palestine solidarity protests, and a litany of other repressive actions that constitute a fascist agenda in the United States;

**Whereas**, attacks on immigrant Palestinian solidarity activists like Mahmoud Khalil and Momodou Taal and immigrant rights advocates like Jeanette Vizguerra are the cornerstone of the fascist agenda to crush dissent and destroy any pretense of civil rights and a continuation of a legacy of repression of movements deemed hostile to US imperialism extending back to the Holy Land Five, Leonard Peltier, and beyond;

**Whereas**, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is part of a fascist strategy that unjustly treats immigrants as criminal threats to the nation and national identity, separates poor immigrant families, and perpetuates a culture of fear and oppression intended to chill dissent against the state;

**Whereas**, the criminalization of immigrants and the expansion of ICE's powers under both Democratic and Republican administrations have violated human rights and utilized illegal, repressive tactics including detention, deportation, and violence against immigrant communities;

**Whereas**, at its height, the DREAMer movement and organizing for DACA pioneered a range of pressure tactics including high-profile hunger strikes, occupations, and protests to shut down detention centers;

**Whereas**, racial capitalism is the primary motivator for the currently escalating fascism both in the United States and globally (e.g. the oppression of pro-Palestinian activism

meant to protect imperial US interests in the Middle East, the proliferation of the for-profit prison industry as a means for elites to gain wealth from human misery, etc.);

**Whereas**, per its 2021 political platform, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) supports [abolishing the police](#), [ICE](#), and the carceral state;

**Whereas**, DSA recognizes that the fight against fascism and for the right to political expression is inseparable from the fight for immigrant justice, and that defending the rights of immigrants is a cornerstone of anti-fascist struggle;

**Whereas**, mass abolitionist organizing against police brutality and state repression, such as the George Floyd uprising, the Stop Cop City movement, and the '[Sanctuary Campus](#)' campaign led by YDSA and National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) demonstrate that the abolitionist movement continues to be an inspiring source of popular consciousness and a point of activation against fascism within the working class;

**Whereas**, as socialists, we know that the only way to overcome fascism and escalating state repression is decisive and coordinated collective mass action and militant organizing within the working class and labor, social, and student movements;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that DSA will develop a robust national priority '**Abolish ICE**' 2025-2027 campaign directed to:

1. Develop national Know Your Rights (KYR) materials available in the eight most commonly spoken languages in the United States that (a) offer citizen and non-citizen members regularly updated guidance about their rights, (b) suggest best practices to maintain operational and personal security in the face of rising fascism, (c) are regularly updated by a team of legal professionals and organizers with insight into relational support and communications, including representatives from the most impacted groups, such as immigrants and activists, and (d) identify capitalism, imperialism, and illegal US-backed sanctions as the root causes of immigration from the global south;
2. Develop a shared resource hub housing trainings on local power mapping, direct action, and other organizing tasks that can also be distributed to chapters organizing around abolitionist demands;
3. Support chapters organizing around 'sanctuary city' and 'sanctuary state' demands by helping to draft language for legislative resolutions introduced by DSA-endorsed elected officials, and support the NSJP-YDSA 'Sanctuary Campus' national priority campaign;

4. Enumerate learnings from successful immigrants rights/defense coalition efforts (e.g. CIRC in Colorado) into resources for chapters navigating coalitional migrant defense organizing;
5. Develop a toolkit for chapters to build local migrant defense coalitions and recruit & train members for migrant defense organizing, including KYR trainings, ICE Watch, rapid response coordination, and legal defense work;
6. Participate in national and local coalitions centered around the demand of abolishing ICE; and
7. Publish an analysis of the campaign prior to the 2027 convention via DSA's publications highlighting successes, failures, and future work.

**Be it further resolved**, that the National Political Committee (NPC) will select an 'Abolish ICE' campaign Steering Committee comprising 11 members: six members elected from an open application process by Single Transferable Vote as well as one liaison each (for a total of five) from the IC Migrant Rights Working Group, YDSA National Coordinating Committee, National Abolition Working Group, National Electoral Commission, and Mutual Aid Working Group, with priority given to members with lived immigration experience and born outside the US;

**Be it further resolved**, that DSA will, through the relevant national bodies, support chapters in building local and state-level campaigns around abolitionist demands, such as:

1. Fighting for 'non-reformist' reforms that challenge the core function of the state, such as ending cash bail, increasing court transparency, cutting police budgets, and eliminating mandatory minimums;
2. Recruiting and running the electoral campaigns of explicitly abolitionist cadre candidates in service of an abolitionist and socialist electoral project;
3. Building coalitions with local abolitionist organizations, such as racial justice, immigrants' rights, prisoner solidarity, and labor groups;
4. Creating public directories of resources including aligned legal advocates, mutual aid, case management, and other relevant support for undocumented or detained Americans and their families;
5. Developing programs of solidarity with incarcerated individuals (including, but not limited to, political prisoners and immigration detainees) within local prisons or ICE detention facilities through means of letter writing, visitation, and direct material support.

**Be it further resolved**, that DSA will, with the support of YDSA and input of non-citizen members solicited by the NPC, create the Collective Defense Fund for the purpose of

providing as-needed disbursements to chapters, aligned organizations, and other individuals for legal service or cash bail costs, alternative housing for suspended student protestors or undocumented students, or any other services relevant to abolitionist organizing deemed valuable by the NPC;

**Be it further resolved**, that communications to members regarding resources available to chapters through the Collective Defense Fund and Abolish ICE campaign shall be issued to membership quarterly through the DSA co-chair newsletter and national social media;

**Be it further resolved**, that DSA will prioritize broad, coalitional mass organizing with other groups in the progressive and Palestine solidarity movement spaces against the fascist Republican agenda through means such as mass demonstrations, direct actions, and strikes similar to the Inauguration Day 'We Fight Back' actions and the April 5 'March on Washington' Day of Action, and the NPC will create a toolkit for anti-fascist messaging in conjunction with chapters and national bodies;

**Be it further resolved**, that the NPC, National Communications Committee, and National Political Education Committee will coordinate independent DSA analysis of the escalating fascist repression of the Trump Administration, as well as organizing tasks for socialists and the working class under Trump, encompassing spaces for internal (e.g., Discussion Board, facilitated discussion circles) and external (e.g., competing pieces in Democratic Left or Socialist Forum) member deliberation and public-facing communications in the form of pitched op-eds to media outlets;

**Be it further resolved**, that the NPC shall provide a status update on the 'Strengthening Organizational Security' section of the [Strengthening and Expanding DSA: Navigating the Post-2024 Election Landscape Resolution](#) by October 30, 2025 and provide a timeline for the completion of the parts not yet enacted;

**Be it further resolved**, that Red Rabbits will collaborate with the NPC to expand the number of chapters capable of self-sustaining post-protest jail support organizing and community defense through a coaching and chapter liaison program;

**Be it further resolved**, that the National Abolition Working Group and Red Rabbits will, with the input of local chapters, submit a report to the NPC within three months of this resolution's passage detailing immediately actionable steps that DSA can take on local, regional, and national levels to better prepare the organization for a national uprising against federal agents and police brutality.

