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Whereas, a united front tactic has been instrumental throughout history in fighting fascism and imperialism, and in achieving unprecedented democratic victories for the Left on unfavorable terrain (e.g., the 1967 United Front in West Bengal; the *Sigamos Haciendo Historia* coalition spearheaded by Morena in Mexico);

Whereas, the 2028 presidential election, coming at the end of Trump's second term and possibly coinciding with a May Day mass strike should the labor movement coalesce behind United Auto Workers (UAW) President Shawn Fain's call to align contracts, will be a major site of political mobilization that requires that DSA develop an organizational strategy for engagement;

Whereas, the uncertainty around the specific opportunities and scenarios we may be faced with in relation to both the election and a potential mass strike require that DSA begin now the process of building chapter preparedness, opening dialogue with other formations, and developing robust analysis around the viability and requirements of different strategies;

Whereas, the chances of an insurgent socialist challenger in the Democratic primary are uncertain, and if such a challenger should arise, they will face obstruction by the Democratic Party, which has shown during the 2016 and 2020 Bernie Sanders primary campaigns its willingness to pull any stops to prevent a progressive victory;

Whereas, the 2023 DSA National Convention voted to pass the [National Electoral Committee Consensus Resolution](#) which, as amended, directed the NEC to "develop programs and strategies to strengthen our already existing organizational independence from the Democratic Party" with the goal of "presenting a third, democratic socialist alternative for working-class people that is organizationally, strategically, and visibly independent of the Democratic Party";

Whereas, should progressive political forces outside the Democratic Party enter into a coalitional collaboration around a unified strategy for the 2028 election, DSA's

participation in such a coalition would significantly strengthen its reach while advancing DSA's electoral strategy goals as outlined by the 2023 convention;

Whereas, a broad Arab, Muslim, youth, immigrant base, and broader sections of the Democratic voter base largely came together in support of Uncommitted, "No Votes For Genocide", and third-party candidates in the 2024 presidential election with [large numbers of abstention](#) in key swing states;

Whereas, the 2024 presidential election saw burgeoning collaboration between progressive third party campaigns entering vote-swap agreements with each other;

Whereas, building alternative electoral coalitions with other Left and progressive forces entrenches bases disillusioned with the dual-party system and the Democratic Party, and builds up infrastructure for strategic independent local, state, and federal races.

Therefore, be it resolved, DSA shall make it a priority to explore building and supporting a broad Left-Labor coalition through the two agitational organizing opportunities offered by the 2028 presidential elections and the possibility of a May Day 2028 general strike;

Be it resolved, the National Political Committee shall begin the process of entering into direct regular dialogue with other political organizations, including, but not limited to, political parties, labor unions, tenant unions, social movements and other organizations aligned with our values (in particular, immigrant, abolitionist, and Palestinian diaspora organizations), in the pursuit of coalition building;

Be it resolved, the NPC shall work to advance and agitate around strategic demands from the "Workers Deserve More" platform in meetings with coalitional partners about May Day 2028 and the 2028 Presidential election; DSA members shall also work to establish the "Workers Deserve More" platform through local union participation and local electoral campaigns;

Be it resolved, by the end of 2025, the NPC shall convene a 2028 Planning Committee comprised of one liaison each from the NEC, NLC, YDSA NCC; the two NPC co-chairs; as well as 6 at-large members selected by the NPC by Single Transferable Vote from an application process open to all DSA members in good standing;

Be it resolved, the NPC shall strive for demographic and geographical representation on the committee, with a minimum of one representative of each major region of the United States, gender diversity, and inclusion of Black, brown, and immigrant members;

and prioritizing members with a history of chapter- or national-level electoral or labor organizing, and/or who occupy leadership roles in their respective chapters;

Be it resolved, the 2028 Planning Committee shall develop proposals for an independent coalitional electoral strategy at the national and local level, including the 2028 Presidential Election, by researching:

- A list of other socialist formations, progressive parties and organizations, and labor unions that might be willing to engage in such an electoral coalition (e.g. the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL), the Working Families Party (WFP), the Green Party, United Auto Workers (UAW), United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), and others);
- The administrative viability of DSA obtaining ballot access independent of the Democratic Party and/or sharing ballot access with other coalition partners;
- The strategy employed by insurgent progressive electoral coalitions around the world (e.g., Morena in Mexico and the New Popular Front in France), including similarities and differences in political conditions and actors (e.g., role of labor or lack thereof);

Be it resolved, the 2028 Planning Committee shall direct the NEC to form a subcommittee tasked with:

- Providing direct assistance to local chapters that are interested in exploring ballot access for local races, including in coalition with other political organizations within their jurisdictions, and helping facilitate statewide coordination between chapters exploring ballot access;
- Supporting chapters interested in pursuing ballot access to run independent candidates in 2026 as a structure test through field guidance and national resources;
- Produce resources to help chapters achieve filing deadlines, collect signatures, and meet other ballot access requirements;

Be it resolved, the 2028 Planning Committee shall bring a proposal based on the previous research, structure tests, and shifting material conditions of the national political landscape to the 2027 DSA National Convention for an organizational strategy for 2028.