

Petition for a Membership Vote on Creation of a Local “Tax the Rich” Working Group

[NOTE: This is a template resolution for a chapter endorsement of the “Fair and Responsible Tax Plan for California’s Wealthy”, which supports the SEIU-UHW led Billionaire Tax ballot measure and the CTA/CFT-led Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2026 ballot measure. Copy the text into a Google Form, collect member name, email, phone number, and working group leadership interest for membership verification and organizing purposes, and edit as appropriate for your chapter structure and local organizing conditions—determine the number of member signatories required by checking your local bylaws regarding ballot measure endorsements.]

Whereas, [California DSA has endorsed the “Fair and Responsible Tax Plan for California’s Wealthy”](#), which supports the SEIU-UHW led Billionaire Tax and the CTA/CFT-led Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2026 ballot measures and created a statewide “Tax the Rich Working Group”; and

Whereas, the state of California is anticipating a \$100 billion shortfall over five years in Medicaid funds as a result of HR1 (“the big beautiful bill”); and

Whereas, the Billionaires Tax correctly analyzes and responds to one of the major crises we face—that of wealth inequality—and provides us a frame for agitation around a socialist vision, and a communications vehicle for the guidance of DSA endorsed candidates; and

Whereas, Proposition 55, a temporary progressive tax passed in 2016 on the top two percent of California’s taxpayers, will sunset in 2030 if the Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2026 is not passed; and

Whereas, if Proposition 55 is allowed to expire, it will leave a \$10 – 14 billion dollar deficit in the state budget for education and social services, leading to thousands of job losses and severe reduction of state-provided services to the people of California; and

Whereas, the Education and Health Care Protection Act will make the Proposition 55 progressive tax permanent;

Therefore be it resolved that [Chapter] will endorse the “Fair and Responsible Tax Plan for California’s Wealthy” and form a Tax the Rich Working Group to coordinate with the California DSA statewide working group in order to implement campaign work at the local level;

Be it further resolved that the chapter working group will coordinate local signature gathering, canvassing, and tabling to build support for the measure, and use these activities as opportunities to ask residents to join DSA; and

Be it further resolved that the local working group will coordinate with the Steering Committee and other local bodies as appropriate to table at events in order to support signature collection; and

Be it further resolved that the local working group will coordinate with chapter leadership to run canvasses of inactive members to collect signatures and make asks to get more involved in electoral campaigns.