

EBDSA SC Meeting 7.14.24

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Attendance: Ana, Mitra, Dale, Kevin, Victoria, Zach, Juan, Rane

- I. Arrival/Settle-In (10:00-10:05)
- II.
- III. Intros (10:05-10:15) - Zach
 - A. What's one goal you have for yourself or the chapter for this SC term? Any skills you are interested in learning?
- IV. Reading and Political Discussion - "[Developing Mass Protagonism](#)" (10:15-10:45) - Zach
 - A. *Recommended portions to read (about 7 pages):* "What do we mean by protagonism?", "The Current Conjuncture", and from "The Benefits of Developing Protagonists" to the end
 - B. *Discussion Questions:*
 1. What do you think of the authors' definition of protagonism?
 2. Is there anything the authors argue for here that you think our chapter does a good job of?
 3. Anything the authors recommend that you'd like to see the chapter adopt? Anything they recommend or argue that you disagree with?
- V. Discussion and Vote - [GM and SC schedule for the year](#) (10:45-11:05) - Victoria
 - A. *Motivation:* Zach
 - B. Next Steps
 1. Add dates to Action Network - **Rec Sec will do**
 2. Reserve office and zoom link for meetings - **Ana will do**
 3. Recommend people add Events Calendar to your personal google calendars

Approved 8 yes 0 no
- VI. Resolution - [Staff Supervisor for July-December](#) (11:05-11:20) - Victoria
 - A. *Motivation:* Juan

Approved 7 yes 0 no
- VII. [Resolution to endorse and publicize the People's State of the Nation Address \(PSONA\)! On July 22](#) (11:20-11:35) - Juan
 - A. *Motivation:* Mike H

Ed R Approved amendment (see below for resolution as amended)

Approved 7 yes 0 no

Full Resolution Approved 7 yes 0 no
- VIII. [Divest From Apartheid Campaign Kickoff Reconciliation Resolution](#) (11:35-11:50)
 - A. *Motivation:* Zach W

Discussion on a member submitting about a \$700 expense for the divest from apartheid campaign. Followup is related to chapter budget.

Approved 7 yes 0 no
- IX. Update on GM agenda (11:50-12:00) - Juan
 - A. Dale - **need someone to do minutes for 7/21 GM, possibly 7/29 SC because Dale will be away those dates. Chairs will look for volunteer.**
- X. Time allowing:
 - A. Discussion - chapter budget

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Follow up will be asking committees to propose budgets and SC come up with proposal for GM to review in September

1. [Example Labor Committee budget](#)
- B. Discussion - resolution on making chapter spaces safe - **Follow up will be contacting potential grievance officers**

Meeting Adjourned

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Resolution to endorse and publicize the People's State of the Nation Address (PSONA)! On July 22

Submitted by Mike H. , Bert K., Veesh S., Ed R., and Neelesh R.

Whereas Spain colonized the Philippines for over 300 years and held it as a colony until 1898, when the Filipino people declared independence and liberated themselves from Spanish rule,

Whereas the United States ignored the declared sovereignty of the Filipino people and, following an invasion and bloody war of conquest in 1899, established its own colony in the Philippines,

Whereas even after the United States granted the Philippines “independence” in 1946, the United States maintained neo-colonial rule over the Philippines,

Whereas Filipinos have been perpetually ruled by heads of state who have been beholden to the land-owning elite of the country and have done little to nothing to improve the lives of ordinary Filipinos in any meaningful way,

Whereas the corrupt, US-backed authoritarian, Ferdinand Marcos, ruled the Philippines from 1966 and oversaw a brutal period of martial law during which thousands were killed or tortured, until he was deposed by a people power revolution in 1986,

Whereas, Ferdinand Marcos’ embrace of neoliberal policies devastated the working class and poor of the Philippines and contributed to creating one of the largest diasporas in the world,

Whereas Rodrigo Duterte became President of the Philippines in the 2016 and his state security apparatus has overseen a reign of terror against the poor; the press; human rights activists; indigenous-rights activists; land defenders; and essentially anyone who opposes his autocratic rule,

Whereas the continuity of neoliberal regimes, from Marcos I to Duterte to Marcos II, and the resulting de-development and national impoverishment have been in large part a manifestation of imperialist relations between the periphery (the PH and the wider Global South) and the core (the US and the West),

Whereas the Biden administration continues to materially support the new Marcos II regime and considers the Philippines critical to its effort to confront and contain China,

Whereas the US has a “mutual defense treaty” with the Philippines and they are conducting joint military exercises in the South China Sea.

Whereas the US capitalist class, in concert with the capitalist class in the Philippines, exploits the Filipino people, expropriates their resources and represses their popular struggles,

Whereas each year, organizations championing human rights for the people of the Philippines — such as BAYAN, the San Francisco Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines (SFCHRP), and the Malaya Movement — organize a People’s State of the Union Address (PSONA) in the Bay Area to respond to the lies and propaganda of the governing power elite of the Philippines and to offer their own vision for a

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liberated Philippines. PSONA usually coincides with the President of the Philippines' state of the nation address.

Whereas BAYAN, SFCHRP, and the Malaya Movement, groups with which EBDSA has had several years of collaboration including most recently on the Swalwell People's Tribunal, are co-sponsors of PSONA again this year.

Whereas EBDSA has endorsed PSONA in prior years.

Whereas DSA nationally, in collaboration with Filipino activists, has called for an end to US aid to the Philippine military and police and the passage by Congress of the Philippine Human Rights Act.

Whereas the fight for true Filipino independence is objectively and consciously linked to the struggle for Palestinian liberation

Therefore, be it resolved that EBDSA endorses the July 22nd **People's State of the Nation Address (PSONA)!**

Be it further resolved that:

1. EBDSA include the event on its Chapter Calendar,
2. AIC leadership will request that EBDSA promote the event on social media
3. AIC leadership will message its membership and text about this event.

[PSONA Endorsement](#)

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Divest From Apartheid Campaign Expenditures

Submitted by: Daniella Hanley, (Divest From Apartheid Priority Campaign Appointed Operations Lead), Zach W (chapter co-chair)

Whereas, the Divest From Apartheid (DFA) campaign was voted to be the top priority campaign by EBDSA general membership for the year ahead on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024;

Whereas, the DFA Campaign Kickoff event occurred on Friday, June 21st, 2024 and hosted more than 80 attendees at the EBDSA office, roughly 25% of whom were community members (not current paper DSA members) and two community members have since attended DFA meetings, one verifiably became a paper member after attending said event, the chapter gained 15 additional emails through sign-in, many of whom expressed interest in joining and their info was passed to CCC/NMC contacts;

Whereas, the DFA team took the opportunity to elevate other EBDSA priority campaigns and adjacent groups in front of said audience such as our Block Cop City campaign and BAL4P;

Whereas, the event received positive feedback from the chapter and prompted ongoing conversations as to how we pipeline events with high non-member turnout;

Whereas, the DFA Campaign Kickoff event was utilized as an opportunity to not only generate campaign buy-in and serve as both a political education and social event;

Whereas, 1000 flyers were printed from local union shop Autumn Press with a QR code to the BAD! coalition petition to which we have direct access to the data, serving as a list building tool, a means to build visibility for EBDSA and the DFA priority campaign, have been disbursed and will continue to be used at external flyering events including the upcoming joint Jovanka Priority Campaign and DFA canvass, other office events, and tabling occasions;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the East Bay DSA Steering Committee will pay the attached invoice to Autumn Press in the amount of \$698.05 for the 1000 fliers and 100 stickers that were purchased for the event.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the DFA campaign will provide a proposed budget to the chapter steering committee by Saturday, August 10th for the July 2024 - July 2025 Steering Committee term. If a budget is not provided by that time, the Steering Committee will decide on a budget for the campaign.

Therefore, be it resolved, the above amount and the \$200 spent for food at the DFA campaign launch shall be counted towards the budget for the campaign for DFA for the year.