

Resolution to Endorse No Kings Protest

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Rationale:

Indivisible and 50501 are organizing another [No Kings national day of protests](#), on Sat. Oct 18 which could attract millions of radicalizing protestors across the country. Locally Indivisible Twin Cities, AFL-CIO MN, Women's March MN, and 50501 MN are co-hosting a rally and march beginning at Gold Medal Park in downtown Minneapolis. These protests help demonstrate that millions of Americans do not support Trump's agenda, undermining Trump's facade of invincibility. If we help the movement grow larger, more class-conscious, and more determined, the movement can stop Trump. Indeed mass working-class movements are the only things that have succeeded in stopping authoritarian governments.

Given the authoritarian threat that Trump presents to the Left and the working class, socialists must form a united front with groups fighting Trump. Despite the movement's liberal pro-capitalist politics, we simply cannot afford to isolate ourselves from the largest, and arguably most important, movement. We must help make the protests as large as possible to help turn the tide against the Trump administration's ability to carry out their agenda.

Socialists are rightly concerned that anti-Trump protests often reinforce liberal ideas, the Democratic Party, and the underlying capitalist social order. However, by taking a more proactive role in endorsing and helping plan these mass actions, TCDSA can influence the messaging and be seen by the public as leaders in the fight against Trump. We must help the radicalizing workers who are fighting Trump and the billionaires understand the need for class struggle and how to replace capitalism with democratic socialism. These protests are huge opportunities to attract hundreds of new members to DSA and develop more organizers!

The No Kings rally will also be a rare huge opportunity to promote our chapter priority campaigns (Palestine, environmental justice, tabling) as well as our electoral candidates. The earlier we get involved and offer assistance to the emerging coalition, the better chance we have of getting DSA members to be speakers, tabling at the rally, etc.

Action Items:

Therefore, be it resolved that TCDSA will ask the organizations co-hosting the protest on Sat. Oct. 18 to include DSA as a co-host (or at least an endorser, if they won't allow us to co-host). Our Steering Committee, Communications Committee, Socialists Against Trump, and all interested working groups will mobilize people to the protest through social media, email, & text, to help turn the tide against Trump. We'll also offer logistical support, potentially security marshals.

At the same time, DSA will avoid supporting liberal ideas, the Democratic Party, and the capitalist social order. Endorsement will be contingent upon at least one DSA speaker at the event. We will also pass out [DSA flyers](#), lead a DSA contingent in the march with socialist chants, and help radicalizing protestors understand the need for class struggle and how to replace capitalism with democratic socialism.