

Choose Solidarity - Build the Left, Fight the Right

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Whereas, the 2024 election is less than nine months away;

Whereas, the Democratic party risks throwing an otherwise winnable election to Donald Trump by running a candidate, Joe Biden, who is actively supporting an ongoing genocide in Palestine, and failing to inspire working-class people, particularly young people and people of color. Grim poll numbers for Biden in swing states suggest that a second Trump presidency is dangerously close to reality;

Whereas, a Republican trifecta government under Trump would be positioned to ban abortion nationwide, build vast deportation camps to expel millions of undocumented immigrants, forcibly detransition trans people across the country, purge the federal government of politically disloyal civil servants, escalate US support for the genocide in Palestine, and invoke the Insurrection Act to mobilize the military to police Democratic cities and states. A national right-to-work law and Trump NLRB would be disastrous for labor organizing and could chill the exciting uptick in labor organizing across the entire economy. A second Trump victory would be catastrophic for the international working class by risking an expanded war in the Middle East, a more aggressive economic and military posture toward China, a breakdown of relations with center-left parties in Latin America and more;

Whereas, a Republican trifecta government under Trump would likely end home rule for the District of Columbia, ending practical democracy for residents of the District and imposing right-wing rule over the District by fiat, drastically hurting the quality of lives of workers and marginalized people in the district, putting all D.C. residents at risk, and severely harm Metro DC DSA's ability to affect political change and carry out our priority campaigns;

Whereas, we are already witnessing an increase in repression of left-wing organizations and individuals, particularly in the wake of 10/7, which will likely significantly expand under a Trump presidency. DSA needs to prepare our chapters and members to navigate both the difficult political questions and the material organizing challenges posed by the 2024 election;

Whereas, far-right dark money groups like DMFI and AIPAC are aiming to oust the Squad from office. The defeat of the electeds who have supported and led the pro-ceasefire, pro-Palestine movement in congress, especially Cori Bush, would be a huge setback for continuing to grow the movement against apartheid and genocide in Palestine, in addition to emboldening the threat which DMFI and AIPAC represent to the socialist left more generally;

Whereas, the working class, the left, the labor movement and DSA would be in a significantly better position to organize for a truly multiracial democracy and socialism if we can disempower the MAGA movement and keep them out of state power. DSA should be fighting against the right at all levels of power, from local to national;

Resolved, Metro DC DSA stands in total, unequivocal opposition to Donald Trump's presidential campaign. We recognize that a second Trump presidency would be disastrous for working people, particularly people of color, queer people, immigrants, and residents of the District of Columbia;

Resolved, Metro DC DSA affirms National DSA should prioritize three immediate tasks:

1. **Building the Left:** Growing the socialist movement and preparing to defend it against state repression in the event of a Trump victory;
2. **Fighting the Right:** Preventing a fascist takeover of the state, including through organizing for voting rights and against right-wing efforts to steal the election;
3. **Saving the Squad:** Defending socialist legislators, who will face millions of dollars in dark money to oust them from office;

Resolved, in 2024 Metro DC DSA will continue to work to build the left, including:

4. Promoting Choose Solidarity fundraising - joining Solidarity Dues phonebanks, which bring in an average of \$1300 dollars per person per one hour shift;
5. Use "Choose Solidarity" (#ChooseSolidarity) messaging to channel rightful anger and cynicism about the election into building DSA as *the* alternative, growing our already formidable local power into true national might;
6. Host chapter-led Solidarity Dues fundraising and recruiting phonebanks where applicable;

Resolved, in 2024, Metro DC DSA will work to defeat the right, including:

1. Campaigning on DSA's national For Our Rights program and participating in DSA's national Trans Rights and Bodily Autonomy campaign, particularly in Virginia, where trans rights and bodily autonomy are under attack, and planning political interventions to protect these rights;
2. Standing in solidarity with DSA-endorsed members of Congress against attacks by AIPAC and its right-wing dark money allies;
3. Recommending "uncommitted" or write-in primary election votes in DC, Maryland, and Virginia in our Red Bug voter guide;

Resolved, Metro DC DSA calls for National DSA to adopt a principled and independent socialist strategy towards the presidential election by:

4. Encouraging voters to vote "uncommitted" or blank ballots in upcoming Democratic presidential primaries to register discontent with Biden's actions and to encourage him to change course on Palestine and/or to step aside;
5. Launching a "Save the Squad" campaign to defend DSA-endorsed members of Congress who are facing primary challenges and attacks by the right;
6. Following the [2023 Convention resolution mandate to defend democracy through political independence](#), opposing Donald Trump's presidential campaign without endorsing Biden by openly criticizing Trump and his far-right agenda from an independent socialist perspective and not taking a national position that discourages

people from voting for the Democratic nominee for President—a position that would make right-wing advances far more likely.

Resolved, Metro DC DSA will prepare for various contingencies that could arise following the 2024 election by:

7. Aligning with allied organizations, particularly labor unions, on defending voting rights and ensuring working-class voters are able to cast their votes in the election;
8. Developing materials for intentional member recruitment and fundraising in the lead-up to and aftermath of the 2024 election;
9. Educating members on DC home rule and threats to home rule;
10. Discussing strategies for how to respond to likely election results scenarios, including a possible second Trump coup attempt, which would heavily affect Metro DC;
11. Preparing to resist possible state repression following a Trump victory in the election;
12. Preparing the chapter for a situation in which DC loses home rule, including shifting our political strategy where local goals are no longer achievable, exploring a mass grassroots campaign of resistance that demands statehood for DC, and taking compliance steps to prepare for repression from federal control over DC.