

Chapter Priority Resolutions Submission Form

Submit your proposal for a chapter-wide priority here. Only dues-paying members' proposals will be considered.

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Are you a dues-paying member? *

Yes

No

What is your proposed chapter priority? (Priorities should be winnable, transformative and widely and deeply felt.) *

In 2020, in the midst of a global pandemic and continued police violence against Black and Brown people, our chapter embarked on a process to determine a chapter-wide priority. Over the course of several months and through a democratic process, a campaign emerged: to defund the police and refund the community. The focus was on NJ's new 2 largest cities: Newark and Jersey City.

In Jersey City, the political environment allowed for a focus on a budget fight to defund the police, which though ultimately was defeated, it successfully mobilized our chapter. Also, the Hudson County branch mobilized to pass the marijuana legalization referendum.

In Newark, chapter members built relationships with many local organizations and grassroots groups. Political education events were held, as well as bringing together a coalition of groups for a meeting, where priority demands were brainstormed and compiled.

Because of these successes and the momentum we have built, it is proposed that this work remains a chapter-wide priority.

Defund the Police (and the carceral state), Tax the Rich, & (Re)Fund the Community:

CCRB comprised of community representatives appointed by community with subpoena power, power to fire officers

Ending Qualified Immunity

Cops out of school

Abolish ICE

Non-police crisis response services (social workers not cops)

Free Public Pre-K to College Education

Green New Deal

Homes for All

Where are you focusing your priority? (This should be a geographical area, such as a city, town or county.) *

chapter-wide with hubs in Newark/Essex County and Jersey City/Hudson County

Who are your targets? (Your target is the person or people that have the power to meet your demands. If none, put N/A) *

mix dependant on demand: elected and government officials across all levels of government, private corporations and landlords, police entities, police unions, etc

Who are your opponents? (Your opponents are people or groups who will actively try to prevent us from winning our campaign. If none, put N/A) *

police, police unions, private capital (varies based on demand)

Who are your allies in this campaign/work? (Your allies are people or groups who will actively try to aid us in winning our campaign. If none, put N/A) *

Varies based on demand, but in Newark: Newark Education Workers Caucus, Allies for Justice, Homes for All Newark, Newark Water Coalition, People's Organization for Progress, Ironbound Community Corporation, New Labor, etc.

What tactics will you use and how do they fit into a larger strategy? (Tactics are actions-- mutual aid, car caravans, phone-banking--that should escalate into a larger strategy to achieve an aim) *

mutual aid, phone and text banking, phone zaps, direct action, tenant and worker organizing, etc. all varies based on demand

What are some quantifiable and qualitative short-term and long-term goals? (Quantifiable goals do not need to be precise, just estimates.) *

Doing this would allow us to unite our entire chapter, and various working groups, into a larger campaign and show how intersectional our work is. For example,
 CREW could take the lead on getting cops out of school and getting Pre-K to College Education
 Immigrant Justice Working Group could continue its amazing work to abolish ICE and end immigrant detention in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties and beyond
 Ecosocialist Working Group could build on the December panel and advance a Green New Deal, while supporting indigenous and environmental justice frontline groups
 Housing Justice Working Group could advance a Homes for All platform and organize tenants to move these demands
 Labor Working Group could organize workers to move these demands
 Media-Communications could continue to develop a cohesive media and communications strategy around this campaign
 Member Organizing could bring more DSA members into this campaign
 Electoral could support candidates that run on these demands, as well as support ballot initiatives that advance the demands. DSA members are already considering running for council in the November 2021 in Jersey City an May 2022 election in Newark.
 Mutual Aid could continue its existing efforts, while distributing materials that advance demands
 Political Education could host political education events on these demands, in partnership with appropriate working group

How will you bring in new members to the DSA and develop new leaders? How will you engage our existing members in the work? *

rotate leadership of campaign to develop new leaders. work with member mobilizing committee to introduce campaign at orientations. text bank members to invite to meetings and events. use organizing efforts and partnership development to bring new members into DSA

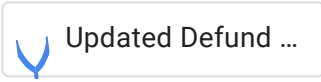
Further comments

this campaign provides an overarching theme to unite our chapter around and brings together all working groups and committees

List signatories to this proposal here

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Attach any other documents here.



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