

NNJDSA Hudson County Branch Co-Chair Candidate Questionnaire - January 2021

Please use this form to submit your candidacy for one of the (2) Hudson County Branch Co-Chair positions on our executive committee. Deadline for submission: January 8, 2021 at midnight

For full descriptions of all executive committee positions, please view our by-laws:

<https://north.dsanj.org/chapter-by-laws/>

Full Name *

Yi Wu

Why are you a member of DSA? *

As many might know, I first came to DSA in 2020 because of Bernie and AOC, and the struggle for right to healthcare in America. And I have stayed as a member of DSA since then, as in the North NJ chapter and Hudson County branch I have seen first-hand how the organization to build power and make change possible locally, and the incredible people I have been able to work with and in the process become a better socialist.

What will you bring to this Executive Committee position? *

I am still relatively new to DSA, joining in mid-2020. And Hudson DSA Branch is a young, vibrant branch. I have been honored to work with the great leadership of the branch during my time at DSA, including the current co-chairs, in assisting with mobilizing branch members for campaigns (proposition 2) and events (Lavarro), as well as research, and have learned a lot from them about DSA and Hudson County politics. Because of this experience, If elected as Hudson branch co-chair, I will seek to continue the work done by the leadership to make this branch the standard-bearer of the progressive left movement in Hudson County and build working class power here. Personally, I am good with numbers and research which could come handy when our branch engages in electoral campaigns. And through the past few months I now have developed abilities to work well collaboratively with many good leaders of our branch - Hudson branch is full of very smart and capable leaders, most of them much more so than I. If elected as co-chair, I will be listening diligently to the ideas and initiatives from the many of them and help them making things happen towards building DSA in Hudson County.

What is your vision for North NJ DSA and how will you work to achieve it? *

My vision of North NJ DSA is for it to be in a position to wield working class power and enact progressive changes in all counties of the northern part of the state, and for it to be known as the organization in North NJ through which the people living here come to to make this part of the state a better place for all as it makes advances in winning key battles in healthcare, housing, labor, and more.

This vision requires a large active base of socialists who are also skilled in taking political action. To achieve it coordinated growth from all parts of North NJ is necessary, and what I will do as a part of this would be to grow the Hudson branch and working with members here closely to make the branch strong in Hudson County, by bringing more members to campaigns which provide them with experience in making political change and sustained passion in DSA work.

If you could change one thing about our chapter/branch, what would you change? *

I have great admiration and respect for the current Hudson County branch leadership and most of what I will do is to continue their work. If I could change one thing, it would be this - even though speaking as a resident of Jersey City, the capital of the county - I would put more emphasis on growing DSA political activity in all cities and towns of the county. Hudson is one of the most diverse place in the state and in the country, and it would benefit DSA a great deal here to have our footprint all over the map of the county.

Is there anything else you'd like to share with fellow chapter/branch members? *

I still need to try New Jersey pizza!

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