

2025 Spring Campaigns Council Report: Abolition

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Leadership

List the members of your leadership and their roles. Identify any gaps in leadership positions.

DC: Keeli M, Shawn V, John P. - DC to go through leadership changes in April
NOVA: Stacey M, Beth S, Scott G, Isaac B, Catherine D, April G

Roster Count

Core <i>(active weekly or leadership)</i>	Involved <i>(active monthly/bimonthly)</i>	Orbital <i>(active for wide calls to action)</i>
DC: 15-20 NOVA: 10-15	DC: 30 NOVA: 15-20	DC: 5-10 NOVA: 5-10

Campaign Overview

Issue <i>What is the problem you are trying to address? Ex. Wards 7 and 8 in DC only have 3 grocery stores, creating a food desert.</i>	Demand <i>What is the solution to that problem that this working group proposes? Ex. Establish a District government run grocery store in each Ward through Council legislation.</i>
Fighting back against legislation and budgets that increase the use of police and prisons. Creating systems	Reduce city budgets to police departments and fund services that allow for true public safety when needs are

and education bases to allow for a world without police and prisons	met. Create communal services to create a social safety net to prevent people from falling into the justice system and to replace our reliance on the carceral state
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Strategy and Tactics				
	Strategy <i>What will you do to make your demand a reality in 2025?</i>	Tactics <i>What will that strategy look like as organizing tasks?</i>	Timeline <i>When do you plan to do these tactics?</i>	Marker of Success <i>How will you measure progress towards your demand through this strategy?</i>
Ex.	<p>1. Mobilize resident support</p> <p>2. Build legislative buy in</p>	<p>Canvass for signers on pledge in support; table at farmer's markets; attend events by other organizations to build coalition relationships</p> <p>Write an ANC resolution to be passed in Wards 7 and 8; write a research white paper outlining the need; meet with Ward 7 (and 8) Councilmembers</p>	<p>1 canvass a month, 1 tabling event a month, 5 organizers attending community meetings at least every other month</p> <p>White paper by end of spring; Summer ANC campaign; meeting requests in fall</p>	<p># of pledge signers</p> <p># of views on white paper # of ANC resolutions # of meetings with Councilmembers</p>
1	Increase Education	Continue to hold education events, create resources for everyday Abolition Guide, and educate about government policy	2 Abolition education events this year, by the summer have an everyday Abolition Guide, and continuous education about government policy, put on 1 reading group this	<p># number of people show up at our education events</p> <p># of downloads of our guide</p> <p># of new</p>

			spring/summer	members into Abolition
2	Build Communal Services	Build our mutual aid events, research communal needs, continue jail support	Put on 1 mutual aid event this summer after researching community needs, have a joint wg jail support presence by summer,	# of events attended # of mutual aid events ran # of people impacted
3	Increase Political Presence in Community	Grow our presence at ANC/Community Meetings, create policy narratives	Create a structure for showing up to community meetings to have our presence at least once a month, by the summer	# of meetings attended
4	Continual prep against bad legislation	Fight against D.C and NoVa legislation that furthers the carceral state, continue to work with partner orgs to defend	Continuous work, reactive to when bills are created	# of bills fought back
5	Expand our base to be more reflective of those directly impacted	Continuing our prison pen-pal program and supporting projects of our incarcerated comrades	Continuous work	# of incarcerated comrades engaged to fight the system

Learning

	What is a barrier to achieving each strategy outlined above?	What could you do to address that barrier?
Ex.	<i>Low DSA member density in Wards 7 and 8</i>	<i>Attend other community organizations events to build relationships and trust; partner with DSA formations to host more DSA socials and events in these wards</i>
1	Motivation, burn-out, energy, people power	More in person meetings, more socials, more delegation of labor (including inviting more new members to participate in more routine/administrative tasks)
2	Lack of leadership as old guard leaves	Increase recruitment and nominations for leadership
3	Increased state repression	Staying on top of policy updates and understanding the implications for our work, strengthening partnerships and communication with more directly-impacted people/organizations, maintaining a good security culture
4	(if needed)	
5	(if needed)	

Celebrating our Wins		
	Highlight any wins so far in 2025, or end of 2024 not yet reported, for your formation.	Identify factors that made this win possible.

1	Helped prop up the Migrant Justice Subcommittee continuing work Nova Abolition is fully engrained in	Determination to cross collaborate with other WG, meeting the moment of fears around ICE, coalition basebuilding that has been ongoing for years
2	Jail Support	James S and his tenacity
3	Many new members	Trump, Palestine, unironic welcoming and good vibes, more radical of the WGs
4	Abolition Walking Tour!	Amazing collaboration with the entire WG, amazing speakers, energy after trump
5	Prison Letter Writing Social	NoVa's grit, Keeli's perseverance, longing for human connection, Alf's passion
6	Updated all of our internal Lit	John