2025 Spring Campaigns Council Report: Internationalism

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Leadership

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

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Roster Count		
Core (active weekly or leadership)	Involved (active monthly/bimonthly)	Orbital (active for wide calls to action)
13	30	70

Campaign Overview		
Issue 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.	Demand 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.	
Working class and other exploited peoples around the world, especially in occupied Palestine, are subject to and resisting US-led capitalism-imperialism.	We aim to support and force-multiply the efforts of anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist struggles around the globe from our advantageous position in the heart of the US empire (so called Washington, DC) with the	

resources, people power, and socialist ethos of the DSA. We are especially focused on supporting Palestinian-led resistance to Zionist occupation, apartheid, genocide, and ethnic cleansing. We demand an end to the Zionist regime and a liberated Palestine; we believe socialists in the US must stand in unequivocal solidarity with Palestinian resistance.

	Strategy and Tactics			
	Strategy What will you do to make your demand a reality in 2025?	Tactics What will that strategy look like as organizing tasks?	Timeline When do you plan to do these tactics?	Marker of Success How will you measure progress towards your demand through this strategy?
Ex.	1. Mobilize resident support 2. Build legislative buy in	Canvass for signers on pledge in support; table at farmer's markets; attend events by other organizations to build coalition relationships Write an ANC resolution to be passed in Wards 7 and 8; write a research white paper outlining the need; meet with	I canvass a month, I tabling event a month, 5 organizers attending community meetings at least every other month White paper by end of spring; Summer ANC campaign; meeting requests in fall	# of pledge signers # of views on white paper # of ANC resolutions # of meetings with Councilmembers
1	Growing capacity of	Ward 7 (and 8) Councilmembers Created greater	-We onboard new members	-# core/active members
	the Internationalism	opportunities for newer	new members monthly	-Turnout to actions

	WG and specifically the Palestine Solidarity Program (Onboarding, absorption, and retention of more MDC DSA-members and not-yet-members)	members to participate in direct-action work and events related to campaigns. So far, this has included emergency response action mobilization and attendance at meetings and poli. Ed events. We have onboarded prolifically and are looking to improve our ladder of engagement for new members.	-We text-bank our list for monthly meetings, actions, and other events (often as rapid response) -We seek to meet benchmarks for the national Chevron campaigns, such as the Nakba Day week of action coming up in May	-Ability to execute DSA-sponsored events
2	Improve our (MDC DSA IWG's) role in building coalition of DC area's anti-imperialist, pro-Palestine Left	-Continuing and strengthening partnerships with area groups such as DMV SJP, PSL, DMV PYM, JVP DC Metro, Defend RCP, DC for Palestine -Increasing DSA participation in campaigns such as Apartheid Free Communities	-Mobilize a contingent of our core, involved, and orbital members for the April 5 March on Washington and other public actions -Work with area groups on Nakba Week of Action events in May -By late Spring, get at least 10 DSA members trained to canvass for DC4P Apartheid Free Communities Campaign	-April 5 March contingent goal: 50 -Strengthened coalition ties and communication channels -Moving institutions, businesses, and other actors in our region towards pro-Palestine stances, including 10 organizations on the Apartheid Free DC pledge

		-strengthening ties with local unions and university/student groups to support their anti-zionist efforts + find ways of divesting from Chevron within DC	-Lend support to poli. Ed events hosted by XR DC and allies that bridge climate justice and internationalism via the Save Rock Creek campaign -Instrumentalize MDC DSA media for partner's work through quarterly articles and other posts	-Stop the Rock Creek golf course construction project; also, to use climate x Palestine organizing as a way to build our base -Nakba week of action event gets >100 people engaged and gets media attention
3	Increased partnership with MDC Abolition WG's Migrant Justice Subcommittee	-create overlap in people and goals/strategy of chapter's migrant justice and internationalism organizing (and in the city; strengthen both movements through collaboration and fusing public perception of ICE/migrant carcerality + fascism and Zionist aggression/surveillance +fascism	-have dedicated IWG point people attend MJ meetings and support their efforts including local coalition partners' press conferences on migrant justice -*potentially* incorporating each others sentiments into canvassing (ex: in canvassing for apartheid free communities, request no collaboration with ICE)	-recruitment to IWG from MJ spaces and vise versa -consistent duality of MJ and antizionism in organizational demands
4	Support groups in Virginia, including Alexandria For Palestinian Human	-strengthening ties with our comrades across various groups - continue to mobilize	- consistent contact with our NoVA comrades - continued political education on VIAB (4/26 teachin)	- turnout of at least 40 prior for in-person on April 20th for the DismantleVIAB campaign

	Rights, Arlington for Palestine, etc.	around campaigns like DismantleVIAB	-coordinated strategic action with partner groups	
5	Support efforts in Maryland, including the campaign against the Maryland Israel Development Center	-strengthen communication with MD point people and IWG	-continued political education around the MIDC and IHRA definition use in Maryland -lobby meetings this spring with state legislators and Montgomery county council members to oppose funding for the MIDC -coordinated actions with partner groups such as those focused on IHRA definition use in Montgomery County Public Schools	-local attendance at state and county budget hearings of those testifying against the MIDC (MoCo budget hearings 4/7, 4/8) -turnout to testimony workshops, political education events, and coalition member events and actions
6	Build ties with Cuba, Philippines, Korea, anti-Hindu nationalism, and other solidarity movements with presence in DMV	-Lead poli. Ed events and programming: SNS: Hindutva (past); film screening of "Warmerica II," Korea anti-war film (upcoming); reading groups -Support campaign asks from our coalition partners	-Teach-ins/film screening every ~2-3 months -Lobby meetings in April/May in support reintroduction of the Philippines Human Rights Act by soliciting sponsors -Event at Cuban embassy on May 9 to strengthen relationship with DSA	-General crossover in Palestine and other struggles' bases! -Attendance at poli. Ed events in the 30-50 range per event -DSA contributes meaningfully to partner campaigns through legislative, mobilization, and other means

	Learning			
	What is a barrier to achieving each strategy outlined above?	What could you do to address that barrier?		
Ex.	Low DSA member density in Wards 7 and 8	Attend other community organizations events to build relationships and trust; partner with DSA formations to host more DSA socials and events in these wards		
1	Capacity of core team	-Clarifying responsibilities for routine leadership tasks and rotation of roles		
2	Growing membership not yet onboarded/"absorbed"	-Create clearer ladder of engagement and tasks for new members to keep folks engaged		
3	increasing surveillance and penalization of Palestine speech and protest in the US and DC (abduction of GU postdoc, Dr. Suri)	-Build networks of communications with impacted groups and develop rapid response capabilities to respond and fight back -Improve security culture through chapter-level training and protocols		
4	Confidence with chapter admin functions/software	-Host training for stewards/leads (such as Claire's Action Network training for CC groups)		
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	January Socialist Night School: BDS & the Chevron Boycott with PYM, JVP and DC4P had 80 attendees and tee'd up a successful action at Chevron govt affairs office that got international media coverage.	-Our Anti-Zionist Resolution made it possible for us to collaborate with PYM and other groups -The national DSA Chevron campaign provided useful educational resources
2	Established stronger collaboration with DC4Palestine and working towards embedding more members in Ward-based DC4P groups to support Apartheid Free Communities campaign	-We have core members who have consistently stayed engaged with DC4P
3	We established ties with the Rock Creek Park golf course campaign and quickly mobilized to participate in a Political Education event tying in with Chevron campaign	-We have consistently showed up at actions in the area and built relationships with activists who are involved in this campaign
4	24 new Members attended first 3 monthly meetings of 2025	-Participation in chapter outreach activities and regular onboarding practice
5	More members took leadership roles in areas such as political education, coalition-building, and mobilization	-Concrete asks at monthly meetings