

2025 Spring Campaigns Council Report: Bodily Autonomy Working Group

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Leadership

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

Adele B. (Repro Justice Co-Chair)
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Roster Count

Core <i>(active weekly or leadership)</i>	Involved <i>(active monthly/bimonthly)</i>	Orbital <i>(active for wide calls to action)</i>
45	75	150

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>
People of the DC metro area face attacks on their bodily autonomy, including their right to wholly express their	BAWG aims to confront this issue via fundraising events for mutual aid efforts, SRH commodity production and

gender identity and sexual orientation and their right to manage their own reproductive health and futures.	distribution, community organizing and representation at rallies and protests specific to these issues, advocacy to/for local and national government representatives/policymakers, and resource development and sharing.
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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	Host community packing parties for reproductive care kits	Plan events for community members to pack reproductive care kits (incl. Plan B, pregnancy tests, condoms, etc.) in partnership with EC4DC	2-4 events per year	# of events # of kits packed per year

		and DC Abortion Fund. EC4DC then distributes the kits to designated locations around the city. Ticket sales for these events go towards mutual aid fundraising.		
2	Develop reproductive health and justice resources	Create an Abortion Resources document to share with the community. Create a short zine on the basics of reproductive justice to distribute at events. Create other resources as needs arise.	The Abortion Resources document should be completed by the end of April 2025. The reproductive justice zine is finalized as of Jan 2025.	# of reproductive health & justice resources created annually # reproductive health & justice resources updated annually
3	Fundraise for mutual aid efforts	Host events and other fundraisers to raise money for various mutual aid needs, including but not limited to the DC Abortion Fund and Palestinian liberation movements.	5-10 fundraisers per year	# of mutual aid fundraisers annually \$ amount raised for mutual aid annually
4	Representation at rallies and protests	Track RJ and TQL rallies/protests that come up in the DC metro area and	As needed throughout the year - often several per month.	# of RJ and/or TQL rallies/protests attended by the

		organize coalition attendance for these events.		coalition per year
5	Defeat local and national anti-trans and anti-abortion laws and executive orders	Organize and lead coalition pressure campaigns to defeat measures	As needed/rapid response	# of measures defeated
6	Ensure adequate local LGBTQ+ government services and programs are funded	Participate in the DC LGBTQ+ budget coalition; organize budget pressure actions and hearing testimony	March - May	Amount of funds allocated and programs funded

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	As we continue to host community packing parties for sexual health kits, how can we work at a higher scale?	Our upcoming packing event in June will be a good opportunity to see how to host at scale and how to replicate what's worked in the past. We are aiming to have 300+ attendees. Partnering with other community organizations will help broaden our outreach and help us achieve the scale we're looking for.

2	Once we develop resources, how can we share them so they are accessible to those who need them most?	Our linktree and social media is a good first place to share As we collaborate with other organizations, share these resources and cross-post on social media Share resources at events and within kits we pack
3	How do we reach the broadest audience when fundraising for mutual aid?	Collaborate with other working groups and determine intersections for mutual aid fundraising,
4	How can we prioritize safety at rallies and protests to ensure representation? How can we make it easier for folks to get involved?	Create a resource that includes information and links to resources on safety at protests and rallies Provide multiple ways for folks to get involved (e.g. how can folks help and support if they aren't able to attend)
5	Core burnout and exhaustion from constant needs for rapid responses to anti-trans attacks from feds	Empower and expand leadership circles; effectively work with coalition allies to distribute organizing load

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	Mutual Aid Fundraiser Party (3/9/25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration for EC4DC - helped us with supplies, promotion, logistics • as you are. DC hosting us for free, co-posting on Instagram to their 26.5k followers, which

		<p>allowed for substantial engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additionally, as you are. DC is a popular community spot, so many people who were there day-of found out about our event and attended • DJs playing for heavily reduced rate
2	Pack, Party, Palestine (1/25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering with EC4DC • Preparing zines in advance helped us be more efficient day of and pack 1,000 Reproductive Care Kits
3	Worked on updated Abortion Resources Document	Assigning sections to make this collaborative and to share ownership of the document. Working to check links, add new resources, and more.
4	Won our demand that Children's National reverse it's early compliance with Trump EO and resume gender affirming care for minors	<p>Effective coalition building across key DC labor and community groups. We partnered with CIR/SEIU (cannot publicize their involvement), Pride at Work, SMYAL and Harriet's Wildest Dreams. The coalition greatly expanded the reach of our pressure campaign</p> <p>Phased pressure campaign; began with a letter/phone campaign followed up with targeted picketing of the DC Attorney General (for failure to uphold DC law protecting access to care)</p>

		<p>Our letter campaign generated 91k letters in 4 days to targets including AG Schwalb, DC Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services, as well as executives at Children's National.</p> <p>Our picket received coverage from The Blade and Channel 4 news.</p>
5	Successful community defense of NOVA school system policies protecting trans kids (so far)	<p>Not purely our win, but we have been participating in coalition with FCPS Pride, Equality Arlington, the TGEA and others to counter the attempts to force NOVA schools to modify/drop policies.</p> <p>Key elements have been leveraging existing coalition relationships to respond rapidly across the orgs and show up at school board meetings as a solid bloc</p>
6	Launched national Trans & Queer Archive Project that is successfully protecting and archiving LGBTQIA+ art, literature, research (essentially all forms of media) and recovered and archived federal documents and data that the Trump admin attempted to erase and remove	Relationships with comrades in multiple chapters nationally; our formation leadership position within the national TRBA campaign and our previous wins and results helped recruit a large group of comrades to join a distributed archiving effort to prevent losses
7	Headlined and led the organizing for launching the Trans Day of Vision campaign originating from one of our organizing allies via the first Trans Day of Vision community picnic and rally at Malcolm X park. Great	Strong coalition relationships with the DC Center, DC Trans Expansive and Harriet's Wildest Dreams. Effective and experienced organizing team.

	<p>turnout from our community and activated a number of paper members as well as recruited well with new sign-ups from our community. Covered by NBC News Channel 4 (comrades Hayden G and Lyra M interviewed)</p>	
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