

Democratic Socialists of America 2021 Platform

First Draft

Notes

This First Draft represents the beginning of the process to shape the political platform that will be discussed at the 2021 National Convention. A political platform should be short, so that people can make time to read it. At the same time, it could never be long enough to adequately describe the exploitation, oppression, and indignity capitalists inflict on working class people around the world. Nor could it be long enough to enumerate the many ways we fight to change it. This draft is a first attempt. Please join us in the conversation.

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Deepening and Strengthening Democracy

The American political system was never meant to serve the working class. Undemocratic institutions like the Senate and the Electoral College combine with the untethered force of money in politics to make it impossible for the will of the majority of the people to be expressed. The minoritarian right wing Republican Party uses Jim Crow style racist restrictions on voting to desperately cling to power through their domination of the South and the rural high plains, while mainstream Democrats are hopelessly compromised by their donor class of capitalists. True change—abolishing the Senate and Electoral College, overturning the holding of *Buckley v. Valeo* that money is speech—would require constitutional amendment, made nearly impossible by our ossified constitution. The nation that holds itself out as the world's premier democracy is no democracy at all.

But the fight for socialism is the fight for democracy. We fight for a political system that empowers the working class majority to govern society in our best interests. We fight for a society where every person has the power to take part in that collective self-governance, whether at the ballot box or in the workplace. We fight for democracy because it is a necessary condition to winning a world that works for the vast majority of us instead of a small group of capitalists. We fight for the dignity of democracy because we all deserve a say in the decisions that affect our lives.

Immediate demands:

- DC statehood

- Passage of HB 1, the For the People Act, providing for nationwide online, election day, and automatic voter registration and early voting; making Election Day a federal holiday; ending felony disenfranchisement upon release from prison; public financing for Congressional campaigns with a 6:1 match; requiring independent nonpartisan redistricting commissions for Congressional districts; and reforming the broken FEC
- Passage of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact in enough states to trigger its provisions and approval by Congress
- Public funding in each state for state legislature and statewide positions
- Reform of the presidential public funding system to make it effective
- Supreme Court term limits and additional seats to break the countermajoritarian conservative majority
- Abolition of all restrictions on voting by those convicted of crimes in all elections
- Expansion of voting rights to non-citizens in state and local elections

Medium-term demands:

- Constitutional amendments to abolish the Senate; abolish the Electoral College; and overturn *Buckley v. Valeo* and *Citizens United*
- End of single-member districts with first-past-the-post winners in state and federal legislative elections
- Expansion of voting rights to non-citizens in federal elections
- Limit or abolish judicial review of Congressional enactments

Long-term demands:

- A new Constitutional Convention to create a cooperative commonwealth, a truly democratic, socialist republic by and for the people.

Labor

The importance of a vibrant labor movement to building socialist power cannot be understated. The right of the working class to control their lives at work is the key demand of socialism. And the primary power that workers have against the ruling class is to withhold their labor and grind the gears of capitalism to a halt. In the United States, the labor movement has been on the defensive for decades, but recent developments, including the Red for Ed strike wave, workplace organizing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the growing confidence of the labor movement, offer cause for optimism.

Short term:

- Passage of the PRO Act, which would:
 - Overturn state right-to-work laws
 - Codify the “ABC test” to provide independent contractors National Labor Relations Act protections
 - End “captive audience” meetings
 - Protect workers fired for union organizing
 - Improve union election procedures
 - Enhance penalties for employers who break the law
 - Ban class action waivers
 - Strengthen “joint employer” rules so bosses can’t subcontract out and avoid labor protections
 - End “first contract” delays
 - Enhance protections for workers on strike
- Immediate enforcement of emergency COVID standard with back penalties for causing injury or death
- “Card check” union elections

Medium term

- Fully repeal Taft-Hartley
- End restrictions on the rights of public-sector workers to strike or otherwise to exercise their collective bargaining rights, including through passage of the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act
- End mandatory arbitration clauses, class-actions waivers, and other legal limits on employees’ right to sue their employers
- Increased worker governance
- End the “race to the bottom” by enacting trade agreements that mandate equal rights and protections for non-US workers
- Prosecute and sanction companies that violate workers rights abroad
- Cover farm workers, street vendors, day laborers, and domestic workers under the National Labor Relations Act, regardless of immigration status

Long term

- Every worker in America covered by a collectively bargained contract
- Worker ownership of every workplace
- End mandatory arbitration clauses, class-actions waivers, and other legal limits on employees’ right to sue their employers
- End at-will employment
- International labor agreements that guarantee a living wage, safe working conditions, and collective bargaining rights to workers around the world
- Full guaranteed employment

Economic Regulation

The past half century has seen a consolidation of economic power and wealth in the hands of the ruling class, even as growing private debt, declining real wages, and neoliberal austerity endangers lives and communities. The intensifying wave of socioeconomic and health catastrophes clarifies the depth of precarity and the failure of an economy increasingly based around financial speculation to provide for human needs, deliver essential goods like pharmaceuticals, healthcare, and safe transportation, or ensure the survival of entire ecosystems. As socialists, we ultimately believe in the abolition of capitalism and the creation of a democratically run economy that would provide for people's needs without the distortion of the profit motive, and we support economic regulation that moves us closer to that vision.

Short term:

- Public ownership of state and municipal utilities
- Stabilize existing public/private employer-based union and employee pension funds and allow them to consider interests beyond profit maximization in allocating investment capital
- Expand and stabilize social security benefits alongside new and comprehensive pension benefits that are under worker control
- Save the Post Office
- Enact the Public Banking Act (H.R.8721 in the 116th Congress)
- Create public banks in the states and cities
- Tax the rich through wealth and estate taxes and higher tax rates on high-income earners at all levels of government
- Vigorously enforce antitrust laws and end monopolistic control of key sectors and industries, particularly in technology and telecommunications
- Create public wifi networks with high-speed broadband for all
- Introduce publicly owned and operated communications and computing infrastructure, including high-speed broadband for all
- Cancel all student loan debt
- Provide a civil right to counsel for all debtors facing litigation
- Reform bankruptcy laws
- Disconnect property taxes from school funding

Medium term:

- Public and worker ownership and control of most utilities, including water, gas, electric, telecommunications, ISPs, etc.
- Nationalize and socialize (through worker and community ownership and control) institutions of monetary policy, insurance, real estate, and finance

- End or limit patent/copyright protections in the U.S., create a technology commons, and facilitate the transfer of technology through the developing world
- End private monopolies/oligopolies and implement public WiFi, internet management, technology services, and data storage to curtail the unprecedented power of technology companies over media, communications, and political life
- Public ownership and control of social media platforms and “sharing” economy platforms
- Make college free
- Cancel all medical debt

Long term:

- A fully democratically governed economy where production is determined by human need, rather than profit

Abolition Of The Carceral State

The power to create a truly democratic society is found in the organization and self-activity of the working class. The tools of our oppression, enforcing our exploitation and oppression under capitalism, are the repressive forces of the state. A vast, brutal machinery of police and prisons, security and surveillance agencies, immigration & border enforcement, courts and prosecutors all assembled to disorganize working class communities through the routine application of violence, intimidation, and coercion.

Incarceration, detention and policing are not technical matters of the administration of justice, but active instruments of class war which guarantee the domination of the working class and reproduce racial inequalities within. The origins of policing and prisons make an indisputable case that they are white supremacist institutions, reproducing and exploiting racial inequalities. Yet these same institutions, in their prosecution of disproportionate violence on Black, Indigenous and other people of color, have consequences for the whole of the working class—they widen divisions between people, legitimize the expansion of police power, and accelerate institutional incentives to violate and imprison millions of people.

For all of the working class to achieve collective liberation we must constrain, diminish, and abolish the carceral forces of the state—from prisons and police themselves, to their manifestations in all forms throughout society. We are committed to the horizon of abolition and the path leading us there because each step forward in reducing the size, power, and authority of the repressive forces of the state expands the space for mass, organized, and

collective action of the working class, and clears ground for us to build the institutions of a society to serve our communities with real justice and equality.¹

Short Term

- Reject any expansion to police budgets or scope of police enforcement while demanding the highest budget cuts annually towards zero via:
 - Firing officers with excessive force complaints and freeze new hires
 - Eliminating funding for police public relations campaigns
 - Suspending paid administrative leave for cops under investigation
 - Ending investment in police training or facility renovations
- Repeal all statutes designating sentencing for 'unlawful assembly' and repeal the designation entirely.
- Remove police from all hospitals and care facilities and prohibit law enforcement access to private patient information.
- Cease funding of prison expansion, new builds, and close local jails
- Decarcerate our schools by repealing truancy laws, ending all zero tolerance disciplinary policies, suspensions and expulsions, surveillance of students, and removing police—both public and private—from all educational facilities and campuses.
- End mandatory arrest and failure to protect laws that lead to the criminalization of survivors of gendered violence and grant clemency to criminalized survivors.
- Constrain the prosecutorial reach of criminalization, ending all misdemeanor offenses, which account for 80% of total court dockets, reduce jail churn by reducing arrests, and cut funding to prosecutor offices
- Remove all fines and fees associated with the criminal legal process, including ticketing, cash bail, court costs, parole and probation fees, and abolish asset forfeiture programs and laws.
- End pre-trial detention, civil commitment, and imprisonment for parole violations.
- Make all communication to and from prisoners free.
- End all data and resource sharing with ICE, end immigration detention, end family separation, and let our undocumented community members come home.
- Repeal local ordinances that criminalize people involved in the sex trades, drug trades, and street economies.
- Repeal local ordinances criminalizing the occupation of public spaces—particularly for people experiencing homelessness

Medium Term

- Remove and repeal all restrictions on the organization, demonstration, and labor action of incarcerated people.

¹ The Democratic Socialists of America have endorsed nationally the [8 to Abolition](#) demands, and use them as a basis to outline those of our own organization.

- Decertify Police Unions and Associations.
 - Make police union contract negotiations public.
 - Expel Police Unions from labor federations.
 - Prohibit police union contributions to campaigns for municipal, state, and federal office.
 - Withhold pensions and disallow rehiring of cops fired for misconduct.
- End the colonial policing of Black and brown neighborhoods, ceasing and defunding all iterations of 'quality of life' policing programs.
- Cease all police militarization programs and end federal grants that entangle municipal police entities with the Department of Homeland Security, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the FBI.
- Prohibit training exchanges between U.S. law enforcement and global military and policing entities.
- End police surveillance of communities and cease all funding for contracting, procurement, data retention, and in-house development of technologies including CCTV, biometric capture & databases, predictive policing platforms, AI, and risk profiling algorithms.

Long Term

- Free all people from involuntary confinement in jails, prisons, detention centers and coercive care facilities, starting with those who are aging, disabled, immunocompromised, and survivors.
- Institute community self-governance through neighborhood councils as representative bodies within municipal decision making, multilingual resources for immigrant and asylum-seeking communities, and community-based public safety approaches.
- Ensure investment in community-based food banks, grocery cooperatives, gardens, and farms.
- Allocate funding for free at the point-of-service social care infrastructure (including non-coercive mental healthcare), wellness resources, neighborhood based trauma centers, non-coercive drug and alcohol treatment programming, peer support networks, and training for healthcare professionals.
- Invest in teachers and counselors, universal childcare, and support for all family structures—resources that move beyond punitive models of care and discipline.
- Invest in youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care

Ecosocialism

Capitalism has created an existential crisis for humanity through endless extraction, exploitation, and destruction of our planet. This crisis is not purely ecological. It has created massive wealth inequality, suppressed democracy, made jobs precarious, fostered racialized and gendered violence, militarized borders, and started endless wars. In short, the most vulnerable members of society will be hit hardest and first, and will suffer the most. DSA is

fighting for a social order that works for our people and planet, not profits. We're fighting for a Green New Deal that empowers the working class, protects our planet, and ends the domination of massive corporations over our lives.

Short-term demands:

- Fully decarbonize the economy by 2030
- Tax the rich, large corporations, and dirty industries

Medium-term demands:

- Full employment – guaranteed union jobs for all
- Guaranteed living wages, healthcare, childcare, housing, food, water, energy, public transit, a healthy environment, and other necessities for all
- Prosecute fossil fuel CEOs
- End US global military domination and endless wars over resources
- Democratic control and social ownership of major energy systems and resources

Long-term demands:

- A just transition to build a fully sustainable worldwide economy, that protect the rights of nature, and provides safe, free, and healthy lives for all

Housing

Next to workplaces, rental housing is one of the primary areas where working-class people experience a collective sense of exploitation by the capitalist class. Housing and property rights are a major driving factor in racial inequality: centuries of exclusion and stolen land/labor have resulted in deeply subsidized private property ownership for white households and “predatory inclusion” for Black families.

The COVID-19 crisis has created immense turmoil for people's housing, highlighting and exacerbating these inequities. As we emerge from the crisis, we may face mass evictions and homelessness as millions cannot pay rent without state intervention. If the state acts to protect the interests of landlords through a voucher-based rent relief program in which the government provides renters with the money to pay rent, it will also entrench a market-based system of providing 'affordable' housing, entrench the existing and exploitative landlord-tenant relationship, and serve to bail out landlords, not renters. We seek to use this crisis to build on the insurgent tenant movement, and further decommodify housing and land. This can be done through canceling rent, closing eviction courts, and, as landlords exit the market, using State action to acquire properties and leveraging disinvestment to convert thousands of homes into publicly and democratically controlled land/housing.

Short-term Demands:

- Recover from the COVID-19 economic crisis by canceling rent debt
- Fully fund public housing

- Rapidly rehouse un-housed people and households across the country
- Repeal the Faircloth Amendment, which acts to prevent the construction of new public housing

Medium-term Demands:

- Create and fund a Social Housing Acquisition fund that can intervene and acquire distressed assets and convert them to social housing using:
 - Community Land Trusts
 - Tenant Opportunity to Purchase
 - Mutual housing associations
- Pass a universal tenants' bill of rights that includes
 - Right to renew your lease
 - Universal rent control
 - Right to organize a tenants' union in your home
 - Universal right to counsel in housing court

Long-term Demands:

- Democratically controlled, publicly run housing everywhere
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Universal Healthcare

We need a healthcare system that prioritizes the health of working-class Americans over the profits of insurance companies and their billionaire executives. We need a single, universal system with comprehensive coverage that is free at the point of service.

We are writing this platform in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic which, by killing hundreds of thousands of people and exposing America's massive racial and economic health disparities, has made clear the necessity of free and accessible healthcare for all. Our horizon is a decommodified universal, state-run healthcare system in which no one profits from the health or sickness of another person. In the shorter term, we are deeply committed to winning Medicare for All through fighting both in the legislature and in the streets.

DSA's five principles for Medicare for All are: (1) A Single Health Program: Everyone will be covered by one health insurance program, administered by the federal government, and have equal access to all medical services and treatments; (2) Comprehensive Coverage: All services requiring a medical professional will be fully covered. You go to the doctor of your choice. Dental, vision, mental health, and pharmaceuticals are all included. (3) Free at the point of service: All healthcare costs will be financed through tax contributions based on ability to pay:

no copays, no fees, no deductibles and no premiums. Ever. (4) Universal Coverage: Coverage for all United States residents – non-citizens included. (5) Jobs: A jobs initiative and severance for those affected by the transition to government-run healthcare.

Short Term

- Enactment of Medicare for All at the state level in large states like California and New York and the grant of federal Medicare/Medicaid waivers to allow its enactment
- Passage of the Health Care Emergency Guarantee (HCEG) Act
- Increased federal funding for community health centers, the Veterans Health Administration, the Indian Health Service, public hospital systems, and other existing underfunded public health services

Medium Term

- Passage of the Bernie Sanders and/or Pramila Jayapal Medicare for All bills in Congress
- Eliminating for-profit ownership of hospitals and other health care providers
- Restructuring the pharmaceutical industry to eliminate the profit motive. Research funding into health issues based on human need rather than the potential to sell drugs.
- Increased public ownership of the health care system
- Free medical school, nursing school, and other training for health care workers

Long Term

- A single public government-administered health care service

International Solidarity & Immigration

DSA operates in the heart of a global capitalist empire that has wrought untold suffering on billions of people and the environment. Solidarity with comrades around the globe is essential to begin undoing the bloody effects of endless wars, austerity, colonial exploitation, environmental destruction, stolen land, and other atrocities that make up the legacy of US actions in service of capital. As socialists living in the heart of empire, we must work to address, cease, and heal the harm caused by our ruling class. Only by listening to and aligning with those directly targeted by these policies can we begin to work towards a unified global vision of socialism.

Short-term:

- Labor rights for all, regardless of immigration status, and inclusion of farm workers, street vendors, day laborers, and domestic workers under National Labor Relations Board legal protections
- Closure of Guantanamo Bay and all sites used in extraordinary rendition and torture

- Normalization of relations with Cuba, Iran, Venezuela, and other countries targeted for resisting US imperialism and exercising self determination over their resources
- End nationalistic posturing towards China, including the current trade war and any future aggressive economic, diplomatic, or military action.
- An end to all U.S. military involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Yemen

Medium-term:

- Demilitarize the border and end all immigrant detention
- Grant citizenship and voting rights to every U.S. resident
- Forgiveness of all colonial and sovereign debt
- Withdrawal from NAFTA and other free trade agreements that erode the ability of workers to realize the benefits of their labor
- An aggressive plan for nuclear disarmament, a commitment to no first-strike, and a long-term commitment to eradicating nuclear weapons
- Abolish USAID, NED, Voice of America, and other governmental agencies that cynically disguise capitalist control as aid and journalism
- A commitment to self-determination for all modern US colonies
- Reunification of the Korean peninsula, as supported by both the ROK and DPRK, and hindered directly by US interests and control
- End all sanctions on food and medicine
- Support for a single democratic, socialist, secular state in the Levant between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean with right of return for all historically displaced Palestinians
- Support for a united Ireland
- Reparations for US wars and destruction of the environment in countries such as Iraq, Vietnam, and Cambodia
- Reparations for the human and environmental destruction caused by US corporations such as DuPont, Exxon, and Monsanto
- Support membership in the International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court, and regional courts to the extent that they operate in a fair and just manner
- Full rights and equal protection for Native people, restoration of tribal sovereignty. Instruct the Bureau of Indian Affairs to work towards a program of repatriation of Native lands, particularly those owned by US corporations and environmentally destructive industries

Long-term:

- End all deportations
- Abolish ICE, CBP, DHS, the NSA, and the CIA and all other "security" agencies. Declassify all historical intelligence.
- End all interventionist wars in support of capitalism and continued fossil fuel reliance.
- Abolish NATO, the WTO, OAS, and IMF

- Standing in solidarity with the working class of every country, and establishing relations with existing socialist projects, including the governments of Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, undoing decades of sanctions and military intervention
- Close all US military bases on foreign soil
- Direct support for colonized and oppressed peoples, including Palestine and Rojava
- Abolition of the standing army, reinvestment of resources into the Green New Deal

Socialist Feminism

DSA proudly affirms that we are a socialist feminist organization. We seek to organize people of all genders to fight against systems of oppression and exploitation including patriarchy, capitalism, and white supremacy. Liberal representation feminism is content with increasing the number of female faces in oppressive structures, like a female CIA chief being hailed as “progress.” A few women in positions of power, however, is not liberation. Liberation means all genders, including the vast majority of women in the working class, having freedom and control over their own lives and bodies.

DSA fights to build a feminism for and by the working class and all oppressed people. Our socialist feminist analysis allows us to understand how capitalism specifically impacts women workers, including the devaluing of feminized labor, sexual violence in the workplace, unpaid housework, and the expectation of emotional labor. Instead of more women CEOs, DSA fights for the democratization of social reproductive labor, including domestic and care work, political and social liberation for all genders, and the dismantling of the gender binary. We also fight for women’s rights to control their own bodies.

Short term goals

- Enhance and strengthen equal pay guarantees, including by requiring the EEOC to resume collecting pay data from large employers, forbidding prior salary from being considered in setting pay rates, and increasing transparency and protections for workers discussing their own pay
- Increased wages for domestic labor and care work, including through a \$15/hour minimum wage
- The decriminalization of sex work
- Paid parental leave for all people

Medium term goals

- Universal child care, elder care, and pre-kindergarten.
- Greater protections for survivors of sexual assault and abolition of the requirement that survivors file a police report to access funds
- Free Abortion on demand

Long term goals

- Full democratization of social reproductive labor
- Abolition of the gender binary

Abolish Racism

As socialists, we fight to abolish white supremacy and racial oppression. This will require redistribution, institutional transformation, and expansion of legal rights. Our anti-racist organizing work fights in the short term for policies such as reparations for black and indigenous communities, and in the long term, for the abolition of police and prisons, self-determination for all oppressed people, and to finally fulfill the transformative promise of Reconstruction.

Short Term:

- Build support for reparations and pass legislation like the “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.” Coming out of the commission, we would want budget lines for reparations at municipal, state, and federal levels.
- Remove barriers to enforcement of civil and constitutional rights such as those involving racial or other class-based discrimination, including qualified immunity and limitations on filing and proving individual and class action civil and criminal lawsuits
- Establish state and federal scholarship funds for Black students to be paid by colleges and universities that benefited directly from slave labor
- Enact “Ban the Box” nationwide, making it illegal to ask about past criminal history on a job application, and pass legislation that puts an end to the use of past criminal history as a criterion for eligibility for education, employment, housing, loans, and voting.
- Decriminalize all petty offenses immediately
- End stop-and-frisk and other “broken windows policing” immediately, as well as the over-policing and surveillance of Black, minority, queer, trans, and immigrant communities
- End punitive measures against schools serving high-needs, low-income communities of color
- Expand disability benefits and protective legislation around sick leave and workers compensation
- Abolish out-of-school suspensions longer than one day, and replace suspension with evidence-based, supportive, educational, and restorative justice programs.
- End the use of police and school safety officers in schools.
- Extend and expand sanctuary protections across the US to end cooperation between state and local law enforcement with ICE; prevent local state agencies from collecting or sharing an individual’s immigration information with federal agencies; ban state and

local resources from being used to aid federal immigration enforcement; and guarantee access and provision of legal counsel to undocumented immigrants facing deportation

- Discontinue the use of gang databases.
- End mass surveillance and data mining/ retention by public and private actors and the misuse of algorithms in administrative decisions, policing and sentencing
- End racial and religious profiling of South Asian, Arab, and Muslim people by federal, state, and local police forces

Medium Term:

- Pass legislation to provide reparations for victims and family members affected by law enforcement torture and abuse
- Expunge all convictions of drug crimes, sex work, and petty offenses and immediately release all who are incarcerated for such crime
- Abolish all metrics like arrest quotas that encourage police to “make their stats” by arresting people for victimless crimes
- Pass legislation that will work to end racial discrimination in the housing market
- End workplace discrimination and impose harsher fines for workplace discrimination cases. This should include efforts to reduce wage gaps between different workers; allow for legal employment to all persons regardless of immigration status; employ a larger task force with a purview based on their municipality to address issues of structural inequality.
- Implement and fully fund programs for desegregation and integration for all public schools
- Increase access to education for immigrants by increasing funding for prekindergarten through college education and funding for adult education, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), High School Equivalency (HSE), prep, and English Language Learners (ELL) and Multilingual Learners (MLL) programs
- Support reparations for Native American and Black communities
- Support reparations for victims of US imperialism
- Address the disparate siting of polluting sources in communities of color and target cleanup efforts to the greatest need to ensure clean air, water, and soil for all
- Support self-determination for native peoples’ and call for the US adherence to existing treaties and statutes upholding indigenous rights and sovereignty

Long Term:

- Transform and expand constitutional rights and economic arrangements to fulfill the guarantees and promises of the first and second reconstructions for a multi-racial, economic democracy

Gender and Sexuality Justice

We organize for the liberation of queer people, understanding that liberation – having the power to define our life choices and fulfill our greatest potential – depends on achieving economic justice for the multiracial working class.

We seek equity so that queer workers, subject to discrimination and violence, have the means to live a liberated, fulfilling life. We oppose imperialism and reject homonationalism in the defense of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” as military policy.

We recognize that queer liberation depends on alliance with the broader justice movement. To forge these alliances and build solidarity, DSA queer socialists organize for structural change through demands that are within reach.

We demand the end to state sanctioned violence that targets queer people of color ; we support federal legislation to end workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

We seek nothing less than liberation.

Short term goals:

- We demand federal and state laws enshrine anti-discrimination protections on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. This includes passage of ENDA and the Equality Act as well as the addition of “sexual orientation, gender identity and expression” as a protected category in all human rights laws.
- Just cause for housing and employment
- The establishment of community-based, response systems to transphobic and homophobic violence, especially violence targeting black trans women, that is entirely separated from the police and criminal law system.
- A mandate that all insurance companies cover queer sexual health and gender affirming healthcare, including HIV care, PrEP, fertility treatments, birth control, abortion care, mental health care, hormone replacement therapy, and gender-affirming surgeries
- Allowing trans minors to access gender affirming care without parental consent.
- We recognize the right of children and teens to find safe living arrangements elsewhere if their parents will not respect their basic rights.
- Funding prioritization for trans health centers, especially in rural and conservative areas, on reservations, and in underserved urban areas.
- A national policy that requires transition-related healthcare, including HRT and surgery, be provided to all incarcerated people who request it.

- We demand an end to gender restrictions in insurance coverage, such as the practice of only covering contraceptive costs for women, and demand healthcare tailored to our actual bodies rather than our ID cards
- We affirm the right of all people to control how their gender is recorded by the state. Therefore, we demand the removal of all barriers and requirements to changing one's ID gender marker and legal name. We should be skeptical of the notion the state has any right at all to demand or define our genders.
- We demand an end to the prosecution of sex workers, and affirm that sex workers have the right to organize, demand better conditions, and pursue their own liberation.
- We demand an end to laws prohibiting cohabitation of unrelated people, which exist only to privilege the heterosexual nuclear family over nontraditional and chosen family.
- We demand an end to conversion therapy, and stronger supportive care for minors whose families abandon them.

Medium term goals:

- A single-payer Medicare for All system that provides free queer sexual health and gender affirming healthcare, including HIV care, PrEP, fertility treatments, birth control, abortion care, mental health care, hormone replacement therapy, and gender-affirming surgeries
- We recognize that LGBTQI people are tremendously more likely to become homeless. We demand housing for all and a universal ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Long term goals:

- A fully transformed society based on need instead of profit that provides the material basis for personal autonomy, including publicly run social services like daycare; full employment with living wages; full access to free quality healthcare, beautiful social housing, and good public education from pre-K to college.