

Metro Detroit DSA Candidate Re-Endorsement Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Office Sought:

Partisan (which Party?) or Non-Partisan:

Date of primary and / or general election:

Campaign Committee Name:

Address/Zip:

Phone: ()

E-mail:

Website:

Contact person for your campaign (if other than the candidate):

Name of individual completing this questionnaire:

DSA's electoral strategy of running class struggle elections (from [Louisville DSA's website](#)):

DSA embraces a model of class struggle elections. A class struggle election is a campaign that clearly and unequivocally draws the line between the working class and the capitalist class. A candidate running a campaign consistent with the class struggle election strategy will not hesitate to identify themselves as a worker and their supporters as workers organized and advocating for themselves. Our campaigns make clear the class enemies who finance and support the political establishment in our city and beyond. Candidates endorsed by DSA reject donations from real estate developers and other business interests, and make clear that their opponents are financed by and therefore beholden to ruling class forces. It is common to see socialist candidates for office organizing alongside workers in the community and you will often see DSA members linking electoral campaigns with other elements of class struggle such as strikes, union organizing efforts, and issue campaigns for working class demands. Elected DSA officeholders are encouraged to use the position to aid workers organizing in their workplaces and help build worker power independent of the Democratic Party and the ruling class.

Relevant articles about DSA's electoral strategy:

[On class struggle elections](#)

[On building a mass movement](#)

[On NYC DSA's socialist slate for state legislature](#)

[2021 DSA National Convention electoral resolution](#)

1. DSA membership is required to obtain a re-endorsement. This entails being up-to-date on your member dues. Do you remain a DSA member in good standing?
2. What issues have you worked on to advance democratic socialist policies during your most recent term? Please be specific.
3. What have you done to engage working class people and those disaffected with the political process?
4. What connections have you made with local unions during your term(s)?
5. To what extent will these unions participate in your re-election campaign?
6. How have you stayed in contact with Metro Detroit DSA (MDDSA) during your term(s) in office?
7. How have you participated in and supported the recent work of MDDSA while in office?
8. How have you used your elected position to recruit and help to grow DSA membership?
9. Why is it important to talk to folks about joining DSA while on the campaign trail and in office?
10. Can you link to any media appearances, social media posts, or public statements that mention "Democratic Socialists of America", the Detroit DSA chapter, or "socialism" in any way?
11. Do you think it is more important that folks identify you as a DSA member or as a "progressive" Democrat? Please explain why.
12. What should MDDSA do to improve your relationship with the chapter and improve our coordination compared to last cycle(s)?
13. Would you be willing to place an MDDSA member on your kitchen cabinet as a liaison between your campaign and the chapter?
14. How do we win socialism in America?

Thank you for taking the time to think about and address our questions.