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Local Organizing and Mutual Aid

Socialist Party Locals across the country have been working to provide basic needs for their communities through mutual aid projects. Food and mask distro, free stores and solidarity work has been a way for members to put theory into practice.



Socialists in Shasta County, CA have joined with other organizations to organize food distro, clothing drives and are working to build a community mutual aid project.

Capital District NY comrades have helped organize “free stores” and community self-defense projects.

Central Oregon members have been organizing mask distro and community support and are currently working to expand mutual aid work.

Northern NJ comrades are active members of Montclair Mutual Aid and other mutual aid groups in Northern NJ. Work includes water delivery with Newark Water Coalition, anti-eviction, community gardens, menstrual supply distro and free food pantries. They also helped organize a large Mutual Aid gathering this fall.

The Party hosted a Mutual Aid workshop this Fall, check it out on our YouTube page. <http://tinyurl.com/SPNOCMutualAid>

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Statement on the 2020 National Election

After several weeks of preposterous and self-serving legal challenges, and an absolutely ludicrous -and continuing- disinformation campaign led by the President himself, the dust has settled on the 2020 election. The decisive winner was the ruling class, the capitalists. Working class discontent and energy was once again successfully diverted from class warfare into the dead end of bourgeois electoralism. The latest “most important election of our lifetime” yet again offers not the slightest prospect of the kinds of policies required by and adequate to the multiple and converging epochal crises faced by not only our nation, but all humanity.

The Socialist Party would like to thank Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker for running an amazing campaign. The passion, the dedication, the energy, they put in to the campaign for more than a year speaks volumes about them as individuals and as party members. We think they did a fantastic job of representing the independent socialist movement very well and put forth by far the most progressive and forward-thinking policy agenda on offer. Though the campaign has ended, the fight for that agenda, a working class agenda, very much goes on. The need is now more urgent than ever for a radical transformation of society.

Beyond the votes, the Hawkins/Walker campaign represented concrete steps toward building non-sectarian unity between the independent socialist left.

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Congratulations Adriana Cerrillo



SP USA member Adriana Cerrillo has been **elected** to Minneapolis School Board District 4!

Congratulations Adriana!

Elections Statement continued

This unity was founded upon the clear and unshakable conviction that the way forward for working people is outside of an in opposition to the dual parties of capital. The major part of the success of the campaign was the beginning of the building of these ties, and the recognition that they must continue to be strengthened and deepened. Only through building up the independent socialist left into a potent political force can the truly progressive policy agenda advanced by the campaign be achieved. If the working class does not lead this process of social, political, and economic transformation, the ruling class will. And the results will not be good.

With the victory of Joe Biden most of the “progressives” whose political activity was fueled only by revulsion at Donald Trump will return to the accustomed state of passivity. Now that they have done their duty, and cast their vote for the person whose single biggest virtue was not being Donald Trump, they have every excuse to do what they prefer, namely, to be at brunch smugly assuming everything is fine because Trump was defeated. Anyone who has been paying attention to the state of American politics, and not just over the last four years, knows that even though Trump was defeated, Trumpism will remain a potent, and menacing force. And, while Joe Biden will undoubtedly play the role of President much better than the out-going short-fingered vulgarian, his agenda comes nowhere close to addressing the scale of the crises we face.

No matter the outcome of this, or any other, election the task of the socialist movement, the task the Socialist Party sets for itself, remains the same. To unite the working class in political force capable of reshaping society along just, equitable, solidaristic,

And sustainable lines. A force capable of creating a future in which all are able to access to the essential goods required for leading a good life; food, clothing, housing, education, healthcare, culture, and recreation. A future in which the “condition for the free development of each is the free development of all”. We urge all those who strive to achieve this future to join us.

Passed by the National Action Committee

2020 Election Results

Presidential

Hawkins/Walker 349,649 votes

State/Local

Minneapolis School Board District 4

ELECTED Adriana Cerrillo Minneapolis School Board District 4 **15,935 votes**

David Robbins for Redding CA City Council **5,978 votes**

Andy Argo for Kalamazoo MI Public Library Board of Trustees **15,965 votes**

Robin Laurain for Michigan State University Board of Trustees **74,153 votes**

Rick Sauermilch for Michigan State Representative (110th district) **543 votes**

June Open Primary

Jonny Meade for WA State Representative (22nd district) **3,000 votes**

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