

# The Organizer

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## Socialist Party USA Points of Agreement

*The following points represent the key ideas of agreement of the Socialist Party USA.*

- 1) The Socialist Party is a democratic socialist organization. We see socialism as a new social and economic order in which workers and consumers control production and community residents control their neighborhoods, homes and school and the production of society is used for the benefit of all humanity, not the private profit of a few..
- 2) We see the working class as in a key and central position to fight back against the ruling class and its power. The working class is the major force worldwide that can lead the way to a socialist future – to a real radical democracy from below.
- 3) We stand in opposition to all forms of oppression including but not limited to racism, sexism and homophobia.
- 4) We are a “multi-tendency” organization. We orient ourselves around our principles and develop a common program, but our members have various underlying philosophies and views of the world. Therefore we reject vanguardism and democratic centralism.
- 5) We advocate for independent political action outside the Democratic and Republican parties.
- 6) Our tactics in the struggle for radical democratic change reflects our ultimate goal of a society founded on principles of egalitarian, non-exploitative and non-violent relations among all people and between all peoples.

## Stop the Attack on Gaza – Stand in Solidarity with the Palestinian People by the SPUSA National Action Committee

As the situations in neighboring Iraq and Syria continue to deteriorate, the crisis in Palestine is also in a downward spiral. The most recent attack on Gaza by the Israeli regime, in which they declared that all Palestinians should evacuate Northern Gaza or be subject to an imminent bombing campaign, brings the long-standing plight of the Palestinian people into a new and deadlier stage. Despite Israeli claims that they are only targeting militants, the United Nations estimates that 77% of the deceased from the first six days of the attack are innocent civilians.

The Socialist Party USA has long condemned the Israeli occupation of Palestine, as well as the key role of the United States in financing the oppression of the Palestinian people. Our Platform specifically calls for an end to the occupation of Gaza, East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights, along with an end to all United States aid to the Israeli government, as preconditions for peace. With the Israeli regime pushing for the complete annexation of Palestine, coupled with U.S.-financed missiles raining down on Gaza, this point in our Statement of Principles continues to be completely accurate.

As democratic socialists, we believe in the self determination of all people to collectively decide their own future. We continue to stand in support of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination in the occupied territories and the land recognized as the State of Israel. A permanent solution to the crisis in Palestine cannot be dictated or imposed by foreign governments, specifically the United States, that are looking to protect and expand their own interests. Instead, this solution must come from the Palestinian people themselves.

Until such a future can be secured, we will continue to stand in opposition to the apartheid policies and oppressive nature of the Israeli state. Our 2011 national convention officially endorsed the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which seeks to impose international pressure on the Israeli regime until the full liberation of the Palestinian people is realized. We continue to support this movement and any other outlet to defend the Palestinian cause.

We reject the false notion that the Israeli state is innocent and is simply defending itself against Palestinian aggression. As far as we and other people of conscience are concerned, the exact opposite is true.



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## SPUSA Endorses the Peoples Climate March September 21, 2014

The Socialist Party USA has voted to endorse the Peoples Climate March on September 21st in New York City and will organize a Socialist Party contingent for that march.

The Party also encourages locals not participating in the Peoples Climate March in NYC to organize actions and events to be held during that time promoting ecosocialism

Literature will be available by early September from the Ecosocialist Commission and will be available on-line. Information on the Socialist Party contingent and any other SPUSA actions during that time will be available of the Party's website.

## New Merch

The Party has new bumperstickers available.



3 3/4" x 8 1/2" vinyl

\$4 each or 10 for \$25(price includes postage). Send payment to SPUSA 339 Lafayette St. #303 NY, NY 10012



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## Party News

### New Locals

The National Office is happy to announce two new Socialist Party Locals!

The **Front Range Socialist Party** was chartered in Colorado and the **Northern Piedmont Socialist Party** in North Carolina!

Welcome comrades!

### Eugene V Debs Service Awards

The Socialist Party USA appreciates the work of all Party activists and organizers and believes it is important to recognize all the work that is done in the movement and our communities to build the Party.

Congratulations to **Second Quarters 2014 Eugene V Debs Service Award** recipients, **James Marra of Connecticut** and **Dorothy Argyros of New Jersey**



comrades can be found on the Award website at:  
[www.socialistparty-usa.net/eugene-v-debs-service-award.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/eugene-v-debs-service-award.html)

### Women's Commission Re-Chartered and New Prison Industrial Complex Chair Elected!

The Party is happy to announce that the Party's Women's Commission was re-chartered with Stephanie Cholensky elected as chair/convener. We also reorganized the Prison Industrial Complex Commission and elected Dean Capone as Chair.

Updated Commission information can be found at:  
[www.socialistparty-usa.net/commissions.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/commissions.html)