

**Resolution #73**

Title & Author

“Support for Open Borders” by Elijah S., Marvin G., Madi M., & Eva L. S. of NYC DSA; Brandon R. R. of DSA Los Angeles.

Budget Analysis

Staff Costs	\$1,076	Coordinating and compiling information from across the country.
12% Overhead	\$129	
Direct Costs	\$0	
Total Cost	\$1,205	

Resolve

**Be it resolved that** DSA supports the demand for open borders;

**Be it resolved that** DSA supports the uninhibited transnational free movement of people, the demilitarization of the US-Mexico border, the abolition of ICE and CPB without replacement, decriminalization of immigration, full amnesty for all asylum seekers and a pathway to citizenship for all non-citizen residents;

**Be it resolved that** DSA develops political education resources to be shared with chapters across the country to deepen and broaden the understanding of the demand for open borders and how to fight for it. These efforts shall be made in coordination between the national Immigrants’ Rights Working Group, the International Committee, and chapters and members across the country working on issues of immigration justice and internationalism;

**Be it resolved that** DSA recognizes and reflects our support for open borders in our evaluations and endorsement of political campaigns.

Background Information

**Whereas** Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) members across the country organize on a daily basis for anti-imperialism, immigrant justice, labor rights, ecosocialism, and many other issues, with a core belief in solidarity between the workers of the world and an international socialist movement;

**Whereas** DSA is an internationalist socialist organization, and as such it recognizes that socialists fight to build working class power for all people, regardless of immigration status or country of residence;

**Whereas** borders serve to undermine the international working class, by pitting immigrant and citizen workers in America — and foreign and American workers — against each other in a race to the bottom;

**Whereas** border and immigration enforcement are tools of white supremacy, capitalism and imperialism;

**Whereas** borders, their creation, and their enforcement, erase the existence and sovereignty of indigenous peoples;

**Whereas** borders are, and will increasingly be, utilized to violently dominate and restrict people's movement as climate change pushes people from their homes;

**Whereas** border *and* interior immigration enforcement threaten immigrant workers' ability to organize;

**Whereas** Comprehensive Immigration Reform policies seek to control who "deserves" entrance to and/ or permanence in the US, and offer empty promises of protection for resident immigrants in exchange for increased border enforcement, and thus will continue to undermine solidarity and organizing efforts for immigrant justice;

**Whereas** immigration policy, and its enforcement practices, are set on the federal level, without democratic input or accountability and thus demands a nationally coordinated response;

**Whereas** the continual assault on immigrants' rights from both the right and the center produces a reactionary, short-sighted view on immigration that reinforces border securitization, which pervades even leftist spaces and thus necessitates a positive, radical vision for immigration justice and internationalism;