

My name is Maura DeLuca. I am the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Public Advocate in New York. I am a sewing-machine operator and an active unionist.

The Socialist Workers Party ticket is running on a platform to defend the interests of workers and farmers and against the capitalist candidates, Democrats and Republicans alike.

The Socialist Workers Party campaign begins with the fact that the capitalist crisis today is leading to an unprecedented war on the living standards of the working class here and internationally.

The underlying problem is a systemic one; the owners of industry, trade, banking, and agriculture face long term declining profit rates. The employing class is driven by necessity to slash jobs, hours and wages. Millions are unemployed or working shorter

hours. Jobless benefits are running out for many.

The capitalist government is pushing to cut Medicare, Social Security, and other entitlements. In New York, city authorities are hiking MTA fares, raising the sales tax, threatening the jobs and benefits of many city workers, and cutting services we rely on.

The Socialist Workers Party candidates say: in face of this growing disaster, the working class needs to take political power out of the hands of the ruling capitalist class. This is the only way to begin reorganizing society based on the needs of the vast majority, not profits for a few.

We fight alongside fellow working people against the employer and government assault on jobs, wages, social benefits and rights. Among the demands in our platform we call for guaranteed unemployment

compensation at union scale for all workers until they find a job. Increase the federal minimum wage to union scale. A federally funded public works program to put millions to work building schools, hospitals, roads and public transportation.

We unconditionally defend a woman's right to choose abortion. In response to the murder of Dr. George Tiller in Wichita, Kansas, I and our campaign supporters have joined protests to defend and extend safe, accessible abortion and to demand the prosecution of Tiller's assassin.

In face of the housing crisis facing our class, we call for the nationalization of the land and of the existing housing stock. That is the only way to guarantee working people inexpensive and quality housing without fear of eviction by a landlord or foreclosure by a bank.

I and the other Socialist Workers candidates will continue to use our campaign

to join struggles to defend the interests of  
all workers and farmers.

Join with us.

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