

TITLE: **A Motion to Expel Mike Connolly from DSA**

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MOTION TEXT:

WHEREAS article III section 2 of Boston DSA's bylaws allow for expulsion of a member who is found to be in substantial disagreement with the principles or policies of DSA;

Whereas in December of 2021 the membership of Boston DSA passed a resolution to "require that all candidates and elected officials we endorse not be out of step with DSA's political platform";

Whereas in September of 2022 the membership of Boston DSA, when asked a series of [polling questions](#), over 76% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that, "*If a Boston DSA-endorsee has clearly crossed a red line, I would still want to see accountability even if it results in some public-facing 'noise' and/or 'drama'.*";

Whereas Mike Connolly has been consistently, over the course of several years, in substantial disagreement with the principles of DSA in his public statements, endorsements, and actions (**see exhibit A**);

Whereas the original movers of this resolution asked Mike Connolly in May 2023 if he would be willing to voluntarily resign his DSA membership and Rep. Connolly declined;

BE IT RESOLVED that Boston DSA expels Mike Connolly from our local organization, and by extension the Democratic Socialists of America nationally.

Exhibit A – Charges

1. Failure to engage with the chapter's electoral endorsement process since 2016
2. Endorsing, materially supporting, and making public statements praising politicians/political actors who are fundamentally opposed to socialist reforms

- Endorsed Christine Barber over a DSA candidate in 2020.
 - Endorsed Kevin Honan and Maura Healey.
 - Used a DSA group chat (that of the Cambridge Neighborhood group) to solicit canvassers for Lydia Edwards' Senate campaign.
 - Twice supported Ron Mariano for State House Speaker
 - [Praised](#) Ed Augustus, former city manager for Worcester who championed corporate give-aways and housing policy which led to great amounts of gentrification and displacement.
 - [Endorsed](#) a Somerville City Councilor, Matthew McLaughlin, who has been openly hostile to DSA's program and its members – and who has taken developer money.
3. Public statements and legislative actions which are in substantial disagreement with the [national political platform](#) on Housing for All
- Promoting “landlords for affordable housing” group
 - Public [statements](#) in favor of “fair rate of return/operating income to landlords”
 - Publicly [advocated](#) for a milquetoast version of rent stabilization that is out-of-step with what the chapter's members have [organized for](#).
4. Public statements which are in substantial disagreement with the national political platform on International Solidarity, Anti-Imperialism, and Anti-Militarism
- Support and promotion of the [British royal family's](#) greenwashing junket to Somerville.
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