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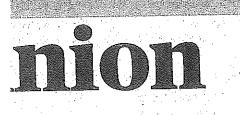
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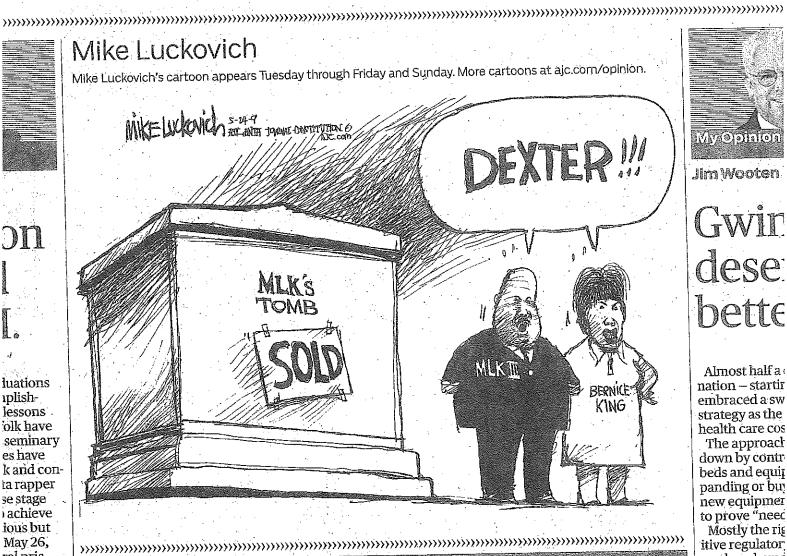
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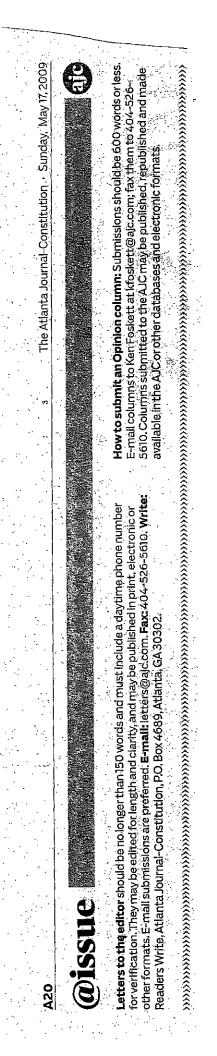
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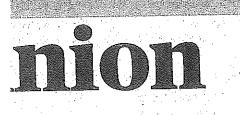
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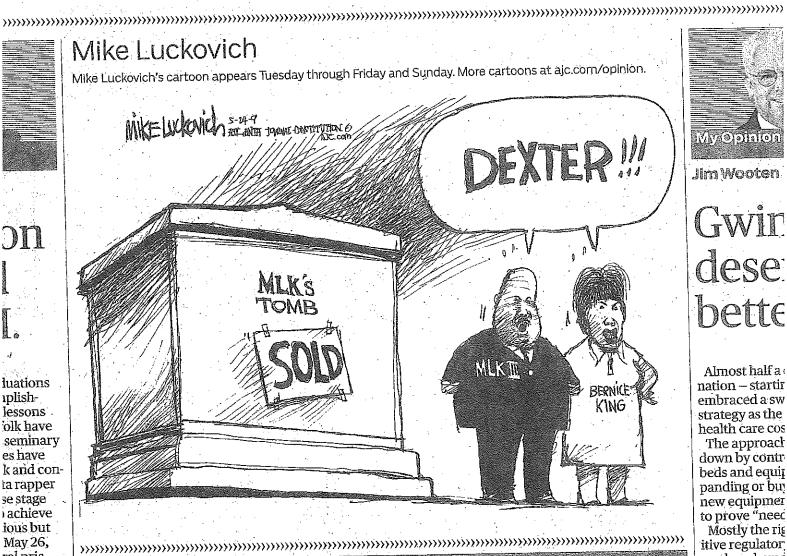
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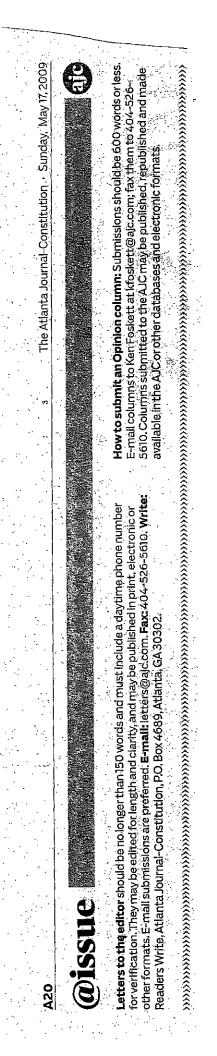
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- 1. I am a supporter of the Socialist Workers Party campaign, have circulated copies of the campaign newspaper, *The Militant* among coworkers, and I am known among them and company management to be a supporter of the Socialist Workers Party and to have opposed the execution of Troy Davis and to oppose police brutality.
- 2. On July 23, 2012 I was fired from my job at an ATV-Golf cart production plant in nearby Newnan, Georgia. I had worked at the plant since July 25, 2011. The agency which hires temporary workers for the plant and placed me there expressed surprise because they had only received good reports from supervisors about my work.
- 3. On or about July 14 I participated in a good-bye dinner for another worker in the plant who was also one of the SWP candidates for U.S. congress that was attended by SWP supporters and others. The restaurant is frequented by workers and supervisors from the plant and several were there that day.
- 4. Two days later a piece of equipment on the line I was working on broke. I reported it to the line-lead and supervisor. From a distance I could see that the two of them were having an animated discussion about the equipment break down.
- 5. On July 18 the temporary agency held a meeting with employees. Several workers reported other defective equipment issues. I reported that the equipment on my line still had not been repaired.
- 6. At the start of work on July 20 I asked my supervisor which line I would be working on since it had changed each day before. I also asked if I was scheduled to work Saturday since one of the lines I had worked on that week was. He responded that "the company does not force people to come to work or

work in unsafe conditions." When I asked what did that mean, he simply repeated it. Later that day I was told that Saturday work would be on a voluntary basis. I did not work that Saturday.

- 7. That same day another supporter of the SWP campaign in another part of the plant was subjected to a provocation by a supervisor shouting in front of other workers that the "Socialist Workers Party isn't that the same as communism?"
- 8. On July 23 I was approached by the supervisor and told that I should report to the temporary agency at the end of the day. I was told by the agency that I had been fired by the supervisor for having a bad attitude, not getting along with the line-leads, and not caring about production. The agency representative expressed surprise and noted that they had only received good reports about my work. They offered me work at other worksites where they provide the workforce.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Atlanta, Georgia on August 7, 2012

W.Mha Samuel W. Manuel

August 7, 2012

I, Steven J. Warshell, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, and the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. I make this state on the basis of my own personal knowledge.

1. I am the Socialist Workers Party candidate for United States Congress in the 18^{th} District of Texas in 2012.

2. After work on Friday, July 27, 2012, at about 5:00 p.m. I received a phone call at home from David Cervantes, the representative of Atterro, a temporary agency through which I was employed at Toshiba International in Houston, Texas, as an assembler.

3. Cervantes said, "I have been asked to reach out to you by Toshiba to tell you that you are no longer going to be working there." I asked what was the reason for the sudden change as there was no shortage of production work on the schedule. Cervantes replied, "There were production issues." When I told Cervantes that I had never been informed of any problems, and that he would have been the one to tell me about them, he replied, "There were conversations, discussions that you were having with other employees there. That's what they told me."

4. The discussions he was referring to concerned my candidacy for U.S. Congress on the Socialist Workers Party ticket and were not during work time or in work areas. Several coworkers expressed interest in the ideas and taken campaign materials. During one of the discussion, one employee had taken issue with a point I had made in support of striking janitors. My termination took place two days after that discussion.

5. I asked Cervantes if Atterro could send me out on another work assignment and he said he had no problem with that and referred me to a local Atterro office in Houston, from which I have been sent out on a number of interviews. But I still have no job.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Houston, Texas, on October 2, 2012.

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I, Deborah Liatos, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I am the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress in the 13th Congressional District and on the ballot in New York.

2. I have worked at Crestron Electronics Inc. since August 2011. The address is 6 Volvo Drive, Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647.

3. My supervisor, Hamlet Monroy, gave me my yearly review on October 15, 2012. He said he had given me high marks for a number of things. Written in the review was, "Deborah is a very competent builder, she is asked to expedite units that are needed quickly and does an outstanding job." He explained that after he writes the review, then the manager above him, Rudy Udit goes over the review then it goes to the Human Resources department to review and they edit it. They then knocked some of the scores down. He explained that the highest percentage raise is 4%. I received 3% which is 27 cents. My wage is now \$9.27 per hour.

4. Written in the review was also, "I would like to see her avoid any confrontations in the future especially those that don't pertain to her" and "Deborah has had some bad judgment moments when she had to be brought to the office to be talked to." I was called into the office once because I was a witness to an incident involving another coworker on the job and another time I went to the office with a coworker who was scolded by management for questioning the firing of another coworker who had refused to sign a statement on safety until safety problems on the job had been resolved.

5. During this review, my supervisor told me "you must have pissed somebody off" and that management and Human Resources notice that I distribute "that newsletter" at work and they think I am trying to organize a union. He said he thinks that's why they knocked down my scores in the review. The newsletters I distribute at work is *The Militant* newspaper which supports the Socialist Workers campaign and the national campaign literature for James Harris and Maura De Luca, Socialist Workers Party candidates for president and vice-president of the United States in 2012.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct. Executed in Bronx, New York on October 20, 2012.

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Deborah Liatos October 20, 2012

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I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I worked as an assembler in the service department at Crestron Electronics in Rockleigh, New Jersey, in April 2011.
- 2. On April 10, 2011, Crestron Service Department manager Bill Lynch called me and my immediate supervisor Sean Benn into his office. He showed me a copy of the *Militant* which had my name on it. I subscribed to the paper and had given a copy to a coworker. Looking at the paper, he said, "These are negative ideas and don't belong here."
- 3. I don't currently work at Crestron.

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I, Amanda C. Ulman, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1.I was a candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for Mayor of Houston, Texas in 2007.

2.My name appeared numerous times in newspaper articles, television news programs, and was on the ballot in the 2007 municipal elections.

3.On February 18, 2009 I started a new job in a sewing factory called Georgie Girl Costumes on Tower Oaks Blvd. in Houston, TX. After about an hour of work, the owner Georgette Corron, the production manager Hugh, and the immediate supervisor Esperanza, who hired me, called me into the office of Georgie Girl Costumes. I was asked by Corron if I was the same Amanda Ulman who was with the Socialist Workers Party. I confirmed that I was. Corron began to explain that this was a small shop and that they didn't want any problems. I pointed out that I was hired on with a favorable letter of recommendation from my previous employer and had a solid employment record.

4.Hugh said that my name was familiar to him so he looked up the name on the internet. Clear that he found information on the internet about the Socialist Workers Party campaign for Mayor of Houston in 2007, I replied, "Well, you should probably know, too, that I am running for mayor of Houston again this year."

5.Corron then said that she just didn't want any trouble, and that she understands that everybody has to eat and as long as I am here to work, that is what was important to the company. Then they sent me back to work. 6.After this discussion, I was nervous as I felt that my employment had been threatened by the employer's knowledge that I had been a Socialist Workers Party candidate for public office. Although I was able to keep the job, management heavily scrutinized every move I made and every discussion I had with everyone in the factory. Coworkers were aware of this scrutiny.

Coworkers felt intimidated by discussing politics on the job, including over lunch where the floor supervisor sat in the middle of the break room and inserted herself into many lunchroom discussions that workers were having. I sold two subscriptions to the campaign newspaper, the Militant, to coworkers in the parking lot, and one coworker invited me to her apartment to have a political discussion that resulted in her purchasing a subscription. This was not possible to do inside the factory, even during nonworking periods.

After a seasonal plant shut-down, when we all returned to work, management had arranged all the work stations so that supervisors could hear everything that people said. They moved all machines from one side of the production floor to the other in order to have them in front of the work station of the floor supervisor.

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- 1. I am a supporter of the SWP campaign.
- 2. I work at Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corporation (YMMC) in Newnan, Georgia.
- 3. On or about July 20, 2012, a leaflet inviting people to a going-away party for 3 supporters of the SWP campaign including one who had worked at YMMC was affixed, by an unknown person, to a "J-hook" that carries the vehicles along the assembly line.
- 4. At YMMC company supervisors, executive officers, engineers and other salaried personnel wear a light blue smock while workers have a different uniform.
- 5. When it arrived at my work area, a supervisor named Trevor who wears a light blue smock began loudly reading from the leaflet and saying "Socialist Workers Party isn't that the same as communism?" He knew I was a supporter of the SWP campaign. Other coworkers in the area viewed the incident and heard his comments.
- 6. I made clear I did not want to have a discussion on the subject, but he continued repeating his question several times.
- 7. After he left I explained to my coworkers that Trevor has the power to get me fired and that was the reason I refused to have a discussion with him.
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3. My coworker very quietly reported this to me shortly thereafter, as well as repeated it to Deborah Liatos on the break. Deborah Liatos is another SWP member who works at Crestron.

4. I am known for being a member of the SWP and distributing the *Militant* newspaper, books, and leaflets on the job.

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 On March 9, 2011, when I checked the voice mail of the Socialist Workers Campaign office at 306 W. 37th St in Manhattan, New York, there was a message from two days before recorded at 10:10 p.m. It contained a threat that said, "The president of the campaign must leave town now or he will be shot on sight."

2. I informed the campaign committee of the threat.

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I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- On October 15, 2012, about 7 p.m. I and three other campaign supporters were holding an organizational meeting at the storefront Socialist Workers Campaign headquarters at 719 NE 79th St, Miami, Florida.
- 2. A man rode up on a bicycle and vigorously shook the glass door to the headquarters, which was locked. While glaring through the door at us he yelled, "If Obama wins I'm going to kill every one of you commie cock-suckers."
- 3. He circled around on his bicycle in the parking lot in front of the campaign headquarters for a couple of minutes, yelling other less audible obscenities.
- 4. Over the next half hour the same individual again rode the bicycle through the parking lot and up close to the window of the headquarters two or three more times.

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Naomi Craine October 15, 2012

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I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- I petitioned to put Chris Hoeppner, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Congress in the 9th CD, on the ballot in the September 13, 2011, special election called after Anthony Weiner resigned his office.
- 2. I was part of a petitioning team accompanying Hoeppner campaigning Saturday, July 9, in Middle Village in Queens, New York, in the heart of his district. While I was petitioning, a man came up behind me and yanked my petition board of our my hands, and began yelling and threatening me and the other campaigners. John Studer, who was petitioning across the street, came over and, while the individual began to yell at John, I was able to yank the board back.
- 3. He followed me, John and other campaigners for twenty minutes, jumping between us and people we were approaching to sign, yelling that we were Nazis and Communists and menacingly telling people not to sign. Some continued to sign, but most were intimidated and left.
- 4. Then he said he was going to call some friends, including some New York cops, to come and "take care of you." After consulting, we decided that we should not risk a physical confrontation and that we would move and petition in another location.
- 5. As we left, he followed us to our car, continuing to threaten that his friends were coming and they were going to make sure we never came back. He copied down the license number of the car we left in.
- 6. I feel certain that if we had not decided to leave when we did, we would have faced a physical assault.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, New York, on October 23, 2011.

L Vala Sarah R. Robinett October 23, 2011

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I, Willie Cotton, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I am a member of the Socialist Workers Party.
- 2. On the evening of November 18, 2009, I checked the phone message at the Socialist Workers Party Campaign Headquarters in New York, New York. And heard a message left at 9:15pm November 17, 2009.
- 3. The caller said, "My name is Martin Mineau. M.A. R. T. I. N. M. I. N. E. A. U. From Rockford, Illinois. We're going to shut you down." and then hung up.
- The caller ID placed the call from an Illinois phone number (618) 826-3312

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 8, 2012.

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Willie Cotton

January 8, 2012

I, Maura DeLuca, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I was a candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for Public Advocate of New York City in 2009.
- 2. In my campaign I spoke openly in favor of defending women's right to choose abortion.
- 3. In November of 2009 I received the attached postcard depicting a bloody fetus at the address where I resided at the time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 12, 2012.

'Maula DeLuca January 12, 2012

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NAME: Malachi 21 Weeks Preborn

I, Maura DeLuca, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I am the Socialist Workers Party 2012 candidate for U.S. Vice President. In the course of the campaign I traveled to Canada and spoke about political developments in the U.S. and in the world.
- 2. On August 25, I flew to Montreal, both to do some sightseeing and to speak at a public meeting I had been invited to.
- 3. When I arrived, the agent I went to asked the purpose of visit and who I'd be staying with. I told him I was coming for a visit. He asked me why I would want to see Montreal. I responded that people aways talk about what a great city it is. He asked, "what people?" and gave me a form on which he wrote a number and told me I had to go to immigration.
- 4. I waited a while in the immigration waiting area. A woman agent, whose name I did not get, called my number and went through some of the same questions the first agent did. She asked what I would be doing on my trip. I said I'd be visiting the city and attending a public meeting on Sunday.
- 5. Within seconds of scanning my passport, she had all kinds of information—some of which she questioned me about, including the fact that I had been to Cuba on a reporting trip for the *Militant* newspaper and that I am a member of the National Committee of the SWP. It seemed that she had accessed a sizeable dossier on me, including some political information that would not be readily available on-line.
- 6. She asked what the *Militant* is about and why was I in Cuba reporting for it. I told her it's a working class newspaper and I had been asked to help report on the Havana Book Fair for the paper, an important literary and political event in the Americas.
- 7. She asked me whether I was employed by the *Militant*. I said no, I had been a volunteer. She asked me to go back to the waiting area to have a

seat. She continued looking through material concerning me on her computer.

- 8. After five or ten minutes, she called me back. She asked what is the full name of the person I would be staying with there. I told her it was Michel Dugré. She said, "Oh, I understand everything now. He's running as a candidate for the Communist League and he's speaking tomorrow. You are going to be interviewing him for the *Militant*." I said that was not the case. Dugré was the candidate of the Communist League in the Sept. 4 Quebec provincial election, running in the Laurier-Dorion constituency.
- 9. She seemed to have pulled up some files on the campaign meeting, which was the one I was invited to attend, because she then said, "Oh, you're going to be speaking at this meeting." She asked why they would want me to speak and why I was going. I said because I have similar political views and they are interested in hearing about political developments in the U.S.
- 10. She asked if I was carrying any campaign material or other propaganda. I said no. She asked me if I was sure, and if she searched my bags would she find any of that. I said no, she wouldn't. Finally, after saying that she could bar me from the country, she said she had decided to let me enter. The whole process took about two and a half hours.
- 11. I was struck by the sizable amount of information she had readily available on me, my political activities, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Communist League in Canada and its candidates.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, New York, on October 9, 2012.

Maura DeLuca October 9, 2012

I, Osborne G. Hart, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I was the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Philadelphia Mayor, in 2011.
- 2. On Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at around 5:40 p.m. campaign supporters John Staggs, Mitchel Rosenberg and I were distributing the *Militant*, the campaign newspaper, and campaign leaflets, campaigning on the public sidewalk near the Sunoco Oil refinery gate, on Frontage Road, 80 yards from the gate. In no way were we on the street or blocking car or pedestrian traffic. This is during the evening shift change.
- 3. Two Philadelphia police officers drove up to the curb where we were campaigning. They got out of the car and approached me and said: "What are you doing? You're blocking traffic. You can't be in the street. Why are you selling here? Why aren't you selling down the road like the others?" A reference to others selling commercial products on a street near our location. (Frontage is a public street running parallel to the refinery grounds.) As they looked at the newspaper and campaign literature, they continued: "You support coal? We can put you on the no-fly list. Report you to Homeland Security." Those in cars driving by viewed the incident.
- 4. While they were talking, I got their names and badge numbers (copied from their uniforms: Ryan-Bdg. #5554; Policella-Bdg. #9822). Ryan talked the most. Officer Ryan told us to stand on the curb and demanded ID. With our driver licenses, they went to the patrol car. They returned as Policella handed over the licenses, he said you can be on the curb or sidewalk, but not in the street.

5. They returned to their cruiser and drove up the street and parked facing us as we continued to campaign. At 6:00 p.m. we ended our campaigning and walked to our cars. The cops remained parked until we drove away.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Philadelphia, PA, on October 1, 2012

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Osborne G. Hart October 1, 2012

I, William Leonard, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

- 1. I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.
- 2. Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 11:00 am, Sarah Ullman and I set up a table with literature on the sidewalk along Meridian Street in East Boston. The table displayed books distributed by Pathfinder Press and the *Militant* newspaper. We also had a poster in English and Spanish advertising the May 1 march and rally in East Boston and Chelsea taped to a pole next to the table.
- 3. Shortly after we set up the table a policeman approached the table and asked if we were selling the books. I told him we were displaying the books. He said to sell the books we needed a permit. I said we were not selling them and that we had an office around the corner and that if people were interested they could come to our office and buy the books.
- 4. While I was talking with the policeman Sarah talked with people who stopped by the table wondering what was going on. At one point she explained in Spanish that there was going to be a march and rally the next day in support of immigrant and all workers rights. The policeman told me Sarah was "soliciting". I said she was talking about the march that was going to be here tomorrow.
- 5. I told him he should check with his sergeant because we had been through this before and that we were not soliciting. He stepped aside and I heard him make a call to the "lieutenant". In a minute or so he approached again with two more policemen and repeated we were soliciting and we needed a permit if we were going to sell books. A second officer at this point looking at the table said "Do you support illegal workers?" I said, "We support all workers."
- 6. When I repeated we were not selling, that we have done this here for many years and that we had an office around the corner a third officer explained they were not here to discuss it and that if I continued I could discuss it with the judge.

- 7. The first policeman said to the others he had seen us at the Maverick station of the MBTA subway.
- 8. The three cops walked away from the table for a minute or two. When they returned the officer who initially questioned me told me there were two laws I should be aware of. One was posting flyers was illegal, pointing to the May 1 poster on the pole, which Sarah immediately took down and the second was soliciting. I asked him if we could set the table up in front of our office around the corner. He said we needed a permit to sell books on the street.
- 9. At that point he said he was going to take my information and informed me there was a \$100 fine for the first citation for soliciting and a \$200 for the second. He took my drivers license to fill out a form and also asked me my height and weight. While he was writing the two other policemen left.
- 10. When he finished I asked him if I could have a copy of what he had wrote. He said it was for police use only. They would use it to keep track of any further activity. He did not tell us to take the table down, but two or three minutes after he left we took the table down.
- 11. The badge number of the policeman who initially confronted us and wrote the report is #4868. Apparently the East Boston police assign an officer on foot to Central Square to monitor activity there. About four months previously a similar incident happened at the same location with a woman police officer.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 7, 2012.

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William Leonard

I, Frances E. Farley, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Campaign Act.

I make this declaration on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. On October 23, 2011, at around 2:00 PM campaign supporters Dennis Richter, Leroy Watson and I were distributing the *Militant*, the campaign newspaper and flyers and displaying books on a literature table on the corner of Jackson and LaSalle in downtown Chicago. Ours was one of many tables set up on the sidewalk during the Occupy Chicago protest that day.

2. After about 25 minutes, two Chicago Police Department officers approached the table, one said, "I'm giving you a police order to take this table down, you were warned already and now you'll have to go to court." I explained I had not been warned of any problem with the table and that distributing newspapers on public property is a protected activity under the Municipal Code of Chicago section 10-8-520. The section states, "No person, other than a licensed peddler, as permitted by the provisions of Chapter 4-244 of this Code, shall sell, offer or expose for sale, or solicit any person to purchase any article or service whatsoever, except newspapers, on any public way."

3. The officer then issued me a summons for the offense of "storing goods on a table in the public way." The summons had a court date of November 21, 2011. The officers did not order any of the other tables to be taken down nor issue a summons to anyone else there.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Chicago, Illinois, on September 28, 2012.

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I, Dean Hazlewood, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On July 2, 2012, I was distributing literature in support of SWP candidates on campus out side the venue of a candidate's debate at Miami Dade College North Campus.
- 2. Many other people were present distributing literature in support of other campaigns in the same area.
- 3. I was approached by both campus police and Miami Dade County police officers and told that I could not distribute the campaign literature there. I was further informed that I should go put the literature in the car because if I brought it out again I would be subject to arrest. None of the supporters of other campaigns that were nearby were subjected to the same prohibition and threat. A number of bystanders and others viewed this incident and heard these comments.
- 4. When SWP campaign supporters talked to supporters of other campaigns present none of them said they had been subjected to the same threat.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami, Florida, on August 13, 2012.

Dean Hazlewood 08/13/12

I, Frances E. Farley, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Campaign Act.

I make this declaration on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. On October 2, 2011, at around 2:30 PM I was distributing the *Militant*, the campaign newspaper, door-to-door on the 3500 block of Cuyler Ave. in Berwyn, IL. I was accompanied by John Hawkins, the party's 2011 candidate for Mayor of Chicago and Dennis Richter, a campaign supporter who were going door-to-door on the opposite side of the street.

2. After more than 45 minutes, I was stopped by Officer Hancle, Berwyn Police Department #263, who told me I could not distribute newspapers door-to-door without a license for peddling or soliciting. I explained I was distributing newspapers, a protected activity under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that guarantees freedom of the press, not peddling or soliciting.

3. Officer Hancle then instructed me to stop going door-to-door and issued me a summons for the offense of peddling/soliciting without the proper licensing. The summons had a court date of October 20, 2011, and listed a fine of up to \$750.00 that could be assessed for the offense.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Chicago, Illinois, on September 28, 2012.

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I, Sarah R. Robinett, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the Socialist Workers Party, the Socialist Workers Party 's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party are entitled to an exemption form certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I was the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senate, New York in 2010.
- 2. On September 26, 2010, at around 3:30 p.m. campaign supporter Paul Mailhot and I were distributing the campaign newspaper, *The Militant*, flyers and books from a campaign literature table in front of 1276 Fulton St., Brooklyn, New York, 11216.
- 3. Two New York Police Department officers were on the nearby corner. After more than 30 minutes, Officer Ferril, NYPD # 947648, told me I could not sell the newspaper without a vendor license from New York City. I explained to him that I was on public property, campaigning for public office, and in addition was allowed by New York City Administrative Code Title 20, #453 to "...sell or offer...newspapers, periodicals, books...without obtaining a license therefore."
- 4. Officer Ferril telephoned his superior, and returned to issue me a summons for the offense of "Unlicensed General Vendor" and instructed me to stop selling the *Militant* and to take down the table. The summons had a court date of December 9, 2010.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, New York, on December 1, 2011

s/Sarah R. Robinett

Sarah R. Robinett December 1, 2011

I, John C. Hawkins, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I was a candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for Governor in Illinois in 2010.

2. On May 1, 2010 as demonstrations were entering Daley Plaza, a public plaza in Chicago, Illinois for a windup rally I and two campaign supporters began to set up a campaign literature table. Among the literature displayed on the table were books and pamphlets.

3. A Chicago police officer informed us that we were prohibited from selling books at this location. We acknowledged the instruction and informed him that we were not selling the books, but that they were for display only. We also were not selling anything else.

4. As we continued to arrange the literature on the table, a second Chicago police officer said he had been instructed by the first to issue me a ticket and notice to appear in court on charges of "peddling without a license" and proceeded to do so.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Chicago, Illinois on April 18, 2011.

John C. Hawkins April 18, 2011

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I, Tom Baumann, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On February 2, at approximately 4pm, myself and another member of the SWP set up a literature table on the public sidewalk in front of Miami Dade College, Wolfson campus. We were on public property in front of the campus. We had copies of our campaign newspaper, *The Militant*, as well as books published by Pathfinder Press.
- 2. Almost immediately after putting up the table, a campus Public Safety officer came over and told us we could not sell there. I told him we are a political party and have the right to distribute political literature on our ideas. He brought over a supervisor who told us we were on private property and had to leave. I told him we were not on campus property. He insisted we were.
- 3. The supervisor then brought over a Miami City Police Officer who told me I needed a permit to vend and that if I didn't have one, I should leave or would be arrested. I explained I didn't need a permit. Miami City Code 39, section 49, explicitly states "Vendors who exclusively vend written matter are exempt" from many of the vendor regulations, including requiring a permit.
- 4. The police officer said we need a permit. We left so as not to get arrested.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami, FL, on August 10.

fom Baumann

August 10, 2012

I, Laura Garza, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I was the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Congress, 8th C.D. in Massachusetts in 2010.

2. On election day, November 2, 2010, at around 5:00 p.m. a fellow candidate, Kevin Dwire, the Socialist Workers Party candidate for governor of Massachusetts, and I were distributing campaign flyers, the campaign newspaper the *Militant*, and displaying sample books from a campaign literature table on the pedestrian walkway at Maverick Square near the public T stop (subway).

3. An officer from the East Boston division of the Boston Police Department, Sargeant Ridge, badge number 813, approached me and said they had calls complaining about us being there and if I did not have a vendors permit we would have to leave. I explained I was a candidate for public office giving out flyers, and I did not need a vendors license for that. He said we had to take the table down and that I would have to have a permit even to give out free information.

4. We took down the table while he watched.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Boston, Massachusetts on October 7, 2012.

Laura Harrye

Laura Garza October 7, 2012

I, Omari Musa, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I was the Socialist Workers Party candidate for District of Columbia mayor.
- 2. On November 3rd, at around 2:30pm campaign supporter Leah Morrison and I were distributing the campaign newspaper, The Militant, on the sidewalk near the Dreyers Ice Cream factory 9090 Whiskey Bottom Rd in Laurel, Maryland.
- 3. While there a security guard for the factory came up to me and told me I couldn't distribute the paper. I told her I was on public property and she went away.
- 4. A short time later a man in a dark blue uniform came out of the plant and took pictures of myself and Leah Morrison. A few minutes later another man walked to within 5 feet of Morrison and stood there for a while. As he stood there a Howard County police car drove up with one officer. The police insisted we had no right to be there claiming we were creating a traffic hazard. The police told us we had to leave.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Washington, D.C., on December 2, 2010

s/Omari Musa Omari Musa Omari Musa December 2, 2010

I, Laura Garza, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I am the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts in 2012.

2. On Friday, August 10, 2012, at around 5:00 p.m. a campaign supporter, Sarah Ullman, and I were distributing campaign flyers, the campaign newspaper the *Militant*, and displaying sample books from a campaign literature table on the pedestrian walkway at Maverick Square near the public T stop (subway).

3. An officer from the East Boston division of the Boston Police Department approached me and asked if we had a vendor's license. The first officer was joined by another office and a third was in a police car close by, and at some point a police wagon also arrived. I said no, and that we did not need one. I said I am a candidate for public office; we are giving out flyers for an upcoming event in East Boston. I said we had our lawyer, Howard Friedman, contact the Boston Police Department and the Police Department confirmed that we had the right to distribute literature and use a table to do so on public streets. I said Friedman had spoken with someone in the BPD's legal office who told him that she would speak with the East Boston Police department to inform them of this. The officer asked when this was, I said some time ago. (In fact it was June 3, 2011 and Friedman told me he spoke with attorney Nicole Taub from the BPD Legal Advisor's office.)

4. The officer said they had calls complaining about us. I said there might be someone in the area that does not agree with

our point of view since the police had come out several times before saying that they had received complaints and that is why we had contacted our lawyer. I said the person who called may not like us but others in the area have a different point of view and we have the right to our opinions and the right to distribute these materials in public places. The officer said they had 20 calls complaining about us and that he had not heard about anyone in the department telling them it was okay for us to do what we were doing. He spoke with the second officer for a minute.

5. The second officer asked if we were selling the sample books on the table. I said they were samples, and we have an office nearby where people could see more. He asked what if someone wanted to buy one; I said we would direct them to the nearby office. He asked where that was and I gave him the address, 13 Bennington St., 2nd floor, just a few blocks away. He asked if it was near the Brazilian church and I said it was across the street.

While this was going on a couple of people were at the table speaking with us, one of whom was a local resident, Joseph Antoine Castro del Rio, who stayed and overheard much of the conversation.

The first officer, after speaking with the second one, said they would not make us take the table down this time and he would check with the department. He said they could make us take it down in any case if it appeared we were blocking the passage of pedestrians. I said we had positioned the table precisely to avoid that and he could see people could pass by even while someone had stopped to talk with us.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Boston, Massachusetts on October 7, 2012.

Laura Aronge

Laura Garza October 7, 2012

I, Tom Fiske, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I have been active campaigning for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party in Minnesota during 2012.
- 2. On August 25, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. Tony Lane, the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Congress, 5th Congressional District in Minnesota, myself and one other campaign supporter were campaigning on the side of a sidewalk near the entrance to the Minnesota State Fair. The three of us set up a table with campaign literature and copies of the Militant newspaper. Supporters of Socialist Workers Party candidates have set up campaign tables in the same location for the past several years during the time of the Minnesota State Fair without police interference. We began distributing copies of campaign leaflets and promoting copies of The *Militant* newspaper. Lane, myself and the other supporter were standing on the sidewalk, on public property.
- 3. Very quickly after we began campaigning a St. Paul policeman came up to me and told me that a campaign table of any kind was prohibited in the vicinity of the Fair. In addition, he said that the area where our campaign table was set up was reserved for the duration of the Fair solely for the St. Paul Police Department, which had a fund raising booth nearby. He informed us that we could pass out literature only if did not have a stationary table and left the sidewalk area reserved for the St. Paul Police Department, about fifty feet away. This is what we did for another hour and a half. The new location was much inferior for being able to talk to visitors to the fair. Tony Lane overheard the discussion between myself and the policeman.

4. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 4, 2012.

s/ Tom Ficke Tom Fiske

October 4, 2012

I, Nancy Boyasko, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I am a campaign supporter of the 2009 New York City slate of SWP candidates: Dan Fein for mayor; Maura DeLuca for Public Advocate; and Tom Baumann for Manhattan Borough President.
- On August 8, 2009, I was with two other campaign supporters, Ben Joyce and Bachi A. both Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) students located at 199 Chambers Street, New York. We were introducing students to the SWP mayoral candidate, Dan Fein, getting out campaign flyers and literature including *Malcolm X*, *Black Liberation, and the Road to Workers Power* and campaign newspaper the *Militant* with the lead headline: "U.S. commanders: more troops to Afghanistan; Imperialist war rages after nearly 8 years."
- 3. After about twenty minutes a campus policeman approached Bachi A. stating that there had been a complaint against him for passing out "unauthorized information." Bachi A. and Ben Joyce, who were campaigning together, were taken to the office where the officer took their names, addresses, and phone numbers and told a report would be filed. This happened despite their both having BMCC campus IDs. They were told they could only be on campus while attending classes and escorted off campus.

4. As the above incident was taking place, students stopped to meet Mr. Fein and get literature, including fourteen copies of the *Militant*.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, New York, on August 10, 2009.

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aner Brougle Nancy Boyasko

August 10, 2009

I, Naomi Craine, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. Anthony Dutrow and I distributed the *Militant*, the Socialist Workers campaign newspaper, to workers entering and leaving the Caterpillar Corp. Distribution Center in Miami Lakes, Florida, during the morning shift change on February 22, 2012.
- 2. As we stood in the public roadway, two company managers stood across from us with a camera, taking photos of us and of workers who stopped to talk with us.
- 3. On at least two subsequent occasions when we returned to distribute the *Militant*, a company security guard came and stood next to us.
- 4. There was a noticeable decline in the number of workers who stopped to talk to us when the managers were taking photos or when the guard was next to us.
- 5. In early June, I met a worker from the distribution center away from the plant gate, who told me, "I wanted to find out what that paper was, but I didn't want to be seen talking with you."

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami, Florida, on August 10, 2012.

Nami Crane

Naomi Craine August 10, 2012

I, Leah C. Morrison, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I am a campaign supporter of the Socialist Workers Party for Mayor in Washington, D.C.

2. On November 6, 2010, at a little before 12:00 p.m., SWP Mayoral candidate Omari Musa, campaign supporter Ned Measel, and I set up a campaign table in a shopping center in front of a vacant store at the Eastover Shopping Center in Prince George's County, Maryland. The table contained a display of books and posters publicizing the new edition of *Malcolm X, Black Liberation, and the Road to Workers Power*, as well as other books.

3. At a little after 2:00 p.m., a large white van pulled up in front of our table. It was possible to see the driver and the passenger in the front seat; both were women. The passenger yelled out to me as I was at the table, "You have no right to be here. You need to pack up and leave right now."

4. A short while later, the two women from the van, along with four others, came to our table in a threatening manner. The woman who had been driving the van began to aggressively insist that we needed to pack up immediately, and threatened to push the table over onto the ground. The woman who had been the passenger took out her cellular phone and said, "The FBI is on their way," before using it to photograph myself, Omari Musa, and the table. Very soon after the confrontation began, the first woman threw several books on the ground. We packed up the table while they continued to stand watch. 5. The group left after the table was packed. Omani Musa and I stayed with the boxes while we waited for a ride. Shortly after they had left, several people who had been by to look at the books earlier stopped to ask what had happened and vocally stated their support for our right to be there.

6. During this period, two police cars arrived and parked approximately 15 yards from where we were waiting. The police observed us but did nothing. The two women soon returned with a bucket of water and threatened to dump it on the boxes of books. They remained until we had packed everything into a vehicle.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Washington, D.C., on December 1, 2010.

s/Leah C. Morrison eah C. Morrison December 1, 2010

I, Deborah Liatos, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. In October 2008, we set up a table of the Socialist Workers campaign for president and vice-president of the US, Roger Calero and Alyson Kennedy in the November 2008 elections in the public spaces of the Flamingo Plaza, a shopping center in Hialeah, Florida. I was with campaign supporters Bernie Senter and Emily Paul.

2. A security guard for Flamingo Plaza said he had to check with management about if it was alright to have a campaign table there. When he called the manager, she asked what party the candidates were representing. I said Socialist Workers Party and explained that the Socialist Workers campaign was on the ballot in the State of Florida in the November 2008 presidential elections. Their were religious groups passing out literature there. The manager then said we could not campaign there.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami, Florida February 13, 2009.

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Deborah Liatos February 13, 2009

I, Maura DeLuca, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I was a candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for Public Advocate of New York City in 2009.
- 2. Tom Baumann, who was a Hunter College student at the time and 2009 SWP candidate for Manhattan Borough President, got permission from the dean for supporters of the Socialist Workers Party candidates to campaign inside the public areas facilities of the college.
- 3. On Thursday, July 30th, 2009, I was inside the main Hunter College building distributing SWP campaign flyers and the *Militant* newspaper with Dan Fein, 2009 SWP candidate for Mayor of New York City. Dan was near the escalators on the third floor and I was in the cafeteria, also on the third floor.
- 4. Two campus security guards approached Dan, asking if he was a student. When he replied no, they said that he was not allowed to do what he was doing there, and would have to leave the premises.
- 5. I was sitting down in the cafeteria talking about the campaign to a middle-aged man who said he had just been laid off from an IT job and went back to school. He bought a copy of the *Militant*, and had just stated that in his opinion the US suppresses any discussion on communism, when the two campus cops came in the cafeteria with Dan.

- 6. The cops asked if Maura was a student and when she replied "no," they said we had to leave and that we could continue campaigning outside.
- 7. Maura mentioned that the dean had given student Tom Baumann permission for us to campaign, to which the cop said he didn't care because we didn't have something in writing.
- 8. After Maura got up, the cops briefly harassed the man Maura was talking to, seeing the paper and flyers in front of him. They waited for him to get up from the table, too, and when he didn't, one of them asked, "Aren't you with them?" He told her that we were just talking but he wasn't with us. They then left him alone and escorted Maura and Dan outside, where we campaigned for another twenty minutes.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 13, 2012.

Maura DeLuca January 13, 2012

I. Janice Lynn, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. On June 2, 2012 I was campaigning door to door in Clarkston, Georgia for the Socialist Workers campaign of Rachele Fruit for US Congress in the 4th Congressional District.

2. When I knocked on one door to give out a campaign flier and show the campaign newspaper, *The Militant*, the occupant, an older man, became very irate when he heard I was campaigning for a socialist. He shouted, "Get the F----out of here, right now. I can't believe you're for a socialist." As I was walking away, down the steps to his house, he raised his voice even louder, and continued using foul language and ranting about socialists in a very intimidating manner.

3. David Ferguson, another campaign worker, was at the bottom of the steps and witnessed this incident.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Atlanta, Georgia on June 29, 2012.

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Janice Lynn

June 29, 2012

I, Deborah Liatos, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I and another campaign supporter, John Staggs, were campaigning for the Socialist Workers campaign for James Harris for President and Maura De Luca for Vice President of the United States at the Roebling Shopping Center in Trenton, New Jersey on July 7, 2012.

2. At about 2:45 pm, a manager at the Food Bazaar grocery store in the shopping center said we could not campaign there. Two men in plain clothes identifying themselves as security told us we had to stop campaigning and leave the shopping center.

3. When Socialist Workers campaign supporters arrived at 10:30 am there were six people distributing religious literature to people entering and leaving the Food Bazaar grocery store. They also got people to sign their names and addresses for further contact. They stayed there throughout the morning and left at 12 noon. No one asked them to leave.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct. Executed in Bronx, New York on August 25, 2012.

s/Deborah Liatos

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Deborah Liatos August 25, 2012

I, Anthony M. Dutrow, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. At approximated 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 27, 2012, myself and Dean Hazlewood, were approached at our Socialist Workers Campaign table in a public space in front of the Presidente Supermarket at the Northside shopping center by a man that said (in Spanish) that he was Cuban, and that our campaign table should remove our literature on the Cuban Five. He described them as "spies" for the "Castro brothers" and said we had no right to distribute "communist" literature.
- 2. The man became vociferous and started yelling to others near by that we had no right to campaign. Standing close to our table for most of the time we were there, an African American voter registration volunteer began vocally defending our right to free speech, a right which he thought this person was clearly against. He urged others to note that this person was espousing his views on Cuba, yet denied anyone else the right to another view.
- 3. We explained we had the right to distribute our literature and he immediately left and went up to the security guard standing outside the doors to the market, pointed to our table and told the guard that "the communists over there" should not be allowed to have a table. The guard made no moves to speak with us and soon walked back into the store. By then we had finished packing up the table as it was time to conclude our campaigning for the day and left with our materials.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami, Elorida, on August 13, 2012.

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Anthony M/Dutrow August 13, 2012

I, Janice Lynn, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. On October 16, 2010 I was campaigning door to door in Mableton, Georgia for the Socialist Workers candidates - SWP Gubernatorial candidate Jacob Perasso; Lisa Potash, SWP candidate for US Senate; and Rachele Fruit, SWP candidate for Agriculture Commission.

2. I was knocking on doors giving out campaign fliers, and showing people the *Militant* newspaper and the book *Malcolm X*, *Black Liberation*, *and the Road to Workers Power*.

3. As I handed a campaign flier to a man at one house, he shouted, "Socialist! Get the hell off my property and I hope you trip and fall and break your neck!"

4. SWP candidate for Agriculture Commission, Rachele Fruit also witnessed this incident.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Atlanta, Georgia on October 16, 2010.

> s/Janice Lynn Janice Lynn Jonwel hyport

I, Nancy Boyasko, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the Socialist Workers Party, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitles to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. On July 28, 2012, beginning around 11:30 a.m., I was campaigning with the SWP's vice presidential candidate, Maura DeLuca, distributing campaign literature, the *Militant* newspaper, and collecting signatures on a nominating petition for the SWP's 15th C.D. candidate Deborah Liatos at a Pathmark grocery store located at 410 207th Street, Manhattan, New York, 10034.

2. After about an hour, a person came out of the store, identified himself as the store manager, and said that he was told by "corporate security" that the store was "private property" and that I could not campaign there. He told me that we had to leave the premise or he would take "additional measures."

4. In the hour of campaigning many people who stopped to sign the petition for Liatos and to shake hands with the SWP vice presidential candidate, DeLuca, expressed interest and took campaign literature. No one complained to me though a few people said they could not stop because they were in a hurry or they were not interested.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, New York, on July 30, 2012.

Many Bayedia Nancy Boyasko July 30, 2012

I, Deborah Liatos, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. On Saturday January 10, 2009 I was staffing a Socialist Workers campaign table with campaign supporters Margaret Trowe and Bernie Senter on a public sidewalk outside of a post office in Miami, Florida. The table also included The *Militant* newspaper and books by Pathfinder Press.

2. A man who was hostile to the ideas of the Socialist Workers campaign, tried to start an argument at our campaign table and kept talking loudly as he entered the Post Office. Another man who came out of the Post Office told us that inside the Post Office the man argued with the tellers loud enough for everyone inside to hear in an attempt to get the table removed from the sidewalk in front of the Post Office but no one responded to him.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami Florida on February 13, 2009.

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Deborah Liatos February 13, 2009

I, Joel Britton, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the Socialist Workers Party, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1) I am the campaign director for Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor of San Francisco Lea Sherman. On Wednesday morning, September 14, campaign supporter Betsey Stone and I campaigned with the socialist newsweekly the Militant and campaign fliers on the public sidewalk in front of the C&H Sugar Co. Inc. refinery in Crockett, CA (830 Loring Avenue). Sherman and I were not near the doors of the C&H Sugar Co. Inc. refinery and were not blocking the flow of traffic into or out of the factory.

2) At around 6:45 a.m., after distributing the *Militant* and campaign fliers for about 15 minutes at the shift change, a uniformed security guard came out of the building and told us not to distribute our material there. I told him that we would do what we did the previous week, staying well away from the doors into the building. He said he had read a report on what happened [on September 6] and that the company's management did not want us in front of their place of business. I said that we had a right to be on the public sidewalk and that we would continue our distribution. Despite this disruption of our efforts, we persisted in our campaigning. Several C&H workers viewed this incident and heard the exchange.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, CA on October 4, 2011.

Joel Britton Octob-

October 4, 2011

I, Joel Britton, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the Socialist Workers Party, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- I am the campaign director for Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor of San Francisco Lea Sherman. On Tuesday afternoon, September 6, Sherman and I campaigned, distributed campaign fliers and the socialist newsweekly, the *Militant* on the public sidewalk in front of the C&H Sugar Co. Inc. refinery in Crockett, CA (830 Loring Avenue). Sherman and I were not near the doors of the C&H Sugar Co. Inc. refinery and were not blocking the flow of traffic into or out of the factory.
- 2) At around 2:50 p.m., after distributing the *Militant* and campaign fliers for a few minutes at the shift change, two uniformed security guards came out of the building and demanded that we identify ourselves. They said that we were not allowed to be in front of the factory. I responded that we had every right to be there on the public sidewalk and that we would not come close to the doors into the building. They continued to insist that we cease and desist our distribution of campaign materials. Despite this disruption of our efforts, we continued to exercise our free speech rights on the public sidewalk away from the doors into the building.
- 3) A third security guard who appeared to be of a higher rank joined the other two, demanding that we stop our distribution. He pointed to the sidewalk on the other side of the street and said that is where we should go. We declined, citing our right to be where we were. Despite his further interference with our efforts we continued to distribute the *Militant* and campaign fliers. Several C&H workers viewed this incident and heard the exchange.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, CA on October 4, 2011.

Joel Britton October 4, 2011

I, Tom Fiske, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I was a candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for Mayor of Minneapolis in year 2009.
- 2. On August 7, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. campaign supporter Natalie Morrison and I began campaigning outside the entrance gate to the meatpacking plant Dakota Premium Foods in South St. Paul. I have personally campaigned for other SWP candidates in the same location since the year 2000. We were distributing copies of campaign leaflets and promoting copies of *The Militant* newspaper. Morrison and I were both standing on the street, on public property.
- 3. Very quickly after we began campaigning the head of plant security came up to us and told us our activity was prohibited. He referred to a new sign at the entrance that said, "No soliciting. No hassling employees. No stopping traffic. Violators will be prosecuted." He told us that unless we left he would call the police. We left.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 4, 2011.

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Tom Fiske

April 4, 2011

I, John E Powers, make this declaration in support of the application of the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I was a supporter of the Socialist Workers campaign of James Harris for President, Maura DeLuca for Vice President, Gerardo Sánchez for U.S. Senate, and Carole Lesnick for U.S. Congress 12 CD in 2012.

2. On August 18, 2012 at around 1:00 pm, Socialist Workers campaign supporters Eric Simpson, Andrea Morell, and I set-up a campaign table in a strip mall in front of the Foods Co grocery store at 1250 Macdonald Ave in Richmond California.

3. We were immediately approached by two security guards who work for City Private Security and asked if we had been given permission by the management of Foods Co to set-up up the table. Bystanders viewed the incident.

4. After I explained we had been given permission, the officers said that I had to go inside the store and get a manager to confirm this was true.

5. The Foods Co assistant manager told the officers that our campaign had permission to set up a campaign table outside of their store pending City Private Security's agreement.

6. Howard Hilliard – a third City Private Security team member and the officer in charge – was called.

7. Hilliard told me the campaign table had to be taken down. Simpson, Morell, and I began to do that.

8. I asked Hilliard for his name, badge number, and the name of the company he worked for.

9. Hilliard called his supervisor on the phone. His supervisor told him that he should give our campaign permission to set-up the table. The Socialist Workers campaign table remained in place for about two hours without incident.

I declare under perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California on August 20, 2012.

John E Powers August 20, 2012

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I, Willie Cotton, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- On August 28, 2012, at 5:15 p.m., I was campaigning for Socialist Workers candidates James Harris for president and Maura DeLuca for vice-president on a public street at the corner of Solano Way and Arnold Industrial Way/Imhof Dr. in Pacheco, CA 94553
- 2. I was told by a Tesoro security guard that we could not campaign there. He said, "It is Tesoro property." We were on public property in front of the plant. Those driving by viewed the incident.
- 3. Joel Britton, who I was campaigning with, and I left.
- 4. We later discovered that we were on public property.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on September 24, 2012.

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Willie Cotton October 7, 2012

I, Frances E. Farley, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Campaign Act.

I make this declaration on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On December 17, 2011, I traveled to Findlay, Ohio, to support members of United Steelworkers Local 207L in their fight against a lockout by Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, and cover their fight for the *Militant*, which covers and editorially supports Socialist Workers Party election campaigns.
- I observed members of an anti-union organization known as the Socialist Equality Party, whose activities are promoted on an internet site entitled the World Socialist Web Site, handing out flyers opposed to the United Steelworkers union and haranguing locked-out workers at a labor rally called by USW Local 207L.
- 3. On January 15, 2012, I again traveled to Findlay and visited the Steelworkers' union hall where I interviewed several workers for the *Militant*. I asked a couple workers about recent articles about the lockout in *Tire Review* that ran quotes from the World Socialist Web Site. The workers told me that *Tire Review* is a business newspaper distributed by management frequently in the plant. One man said of the World Socialist Web Site, "They're against the union, so why do they keep showing up?"
- 4. On January 17, *Tire Review* published an article entitled, "Could Cooper Situation Ring the End for the USW?" The article, written by editor Jim Smith, used quotes from the World Socialist Web Site to attack the United Steelworkers union, but attributed the quotes to a so-called "Socialist Workers Web Site," a non-existent internet site the author invented, with a name easily confused with the Socialist Workers Party. The effect of this invention was to associate the SWP with the anti-union positions of the World Socialist Web Site.
- 5. The error was later corrected in the online version of the article, but the damage was already done, linking the Socialist Workers Party with the antiunion position of the World Socialist Web Site in a way that could drive a wedge between the party—whose support for the union's fight received a good response on the picket line and at the union hall—and the workers and their union.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Chicago, Illinois, on September 28, 2012.

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Tire Review

January 7, 2012

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Could Cooper Situation Ring the End for the USW?

Jim Smith / Editor, *Tire Review* magazine

As they watch the events -- or non-events -- unfold at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.'s hometown Findlay, Ohio, tire plant, do you think other tire plant USW workers are growing wary of -- even angry with -- their union?

And do you think those feelings could bring an end to the USW's representation of all tire and rubber workers?

USW Local 207 workers have been locked out of their workplace for nearly two months, and no tangible negotiations have been held since Dec. 13. So since Nov. 28, some 1,050 plant workers have been without a paycheck, and only recently qualified for state unemployment benefits. Nice Christmas with no income, eh?

The USW International, which is purported to have a whopping \$150 million strike war chest, has managed to deliver just a fistful of \$100 grocery store vouchers. Not a single dime of its strike fund -- regardless of its supposed size -- has fallen on a single worker in Findlay.

Workers have gotten by thanks to the kindness of neighbors and friends and strangers. The Salvation Army and local United Way have helped with some money and food, and a local non-profit nursing home gave holiday turkeys to some of the workers, according to reports.

Yet, USW International the can find plenty of dollars to take some of those Findlay workers and some of its well-paid execs on a junket to Serbia (of all places) to pow-wow with the union leadership of a Trayal plant Cooper is buying. Sure the sympathetic "We feel your pain, Comrade" greetings they received were probably comforting, but exactly what did all of that travel and food money get them? Are Serbian tire builders coming to America? Or are more American jobs getting shipped out? Hard to tell from this publicity stunt. Certainly did nothing to improve the lot of the locked out workers, or get Cooper and USW back to the bargaining table.

Then this past weekend, the USW held a national "Day of Action" in which it called on members to picket outside of Cooper tire retailer stores. The USW claimed that 125 such events were held across the country, with USW members and supportive members of other labor unions marching arm-in-arm. Again, not exactly sure what this did to get the two sides back to the table; one would think ticking off the customer would not be a sure way to influence Cooper.

For its part, Cooper's company line is plain: The USW members failed to ratify the deal we had worked out, and failed to extend the previous contract and return to work until we can get a deal.

It has repeated that statement quite a lot, most recently when it denied that there was a negotiation session with Local 207 and a federal mediator scheduled for Jan. 12. Local 207 officials thought they were going back to the table. Instead they got to go nowhere.

Next, consider the curiosity of the USW authorizing a strike vote at Cooper's Texarkana, Ark., plant, but not wanting to tie any job action there with negotiations at the Findlay plant. Are the two naturally connected, or did I miss something? Isn't the USW supposed to be representing -- and supporting -- workers at all unionized tire plants, and supporting local decisions made by its Locals?

For decades, unions played one plant against another, one tiremaker against the other. That's where the term "master contract" came from. Back in the day, most tire companies all had their plant contracts come due on the same day. One company would be designated as the "target" and that company and the union would negotiate. If all went well, a contract would be hammered out and ratified, and then that contract served as the "pattern" agreement with the other tire companies.

Most of the time, it didn't go well, so the union -- the United Rubber Workers until that dissolved and the plant workers sold their souls to the USW, which was considered to be a far more aggressive union -- would play one company against the other until it all got worked out.

Now, that was an admittedly simple explanation, but the point is this: The tactic of playing one off the other is a time-tested means to an end. Kids do it to their parents every day. If in 2012 the adults running the union don't want leverage one plant against the other, what exactly is the USW in Pittsburgh afraid of?

On Jan. 20, Cooper's contract with its workers in Texarkana comes to an end. What will be the result there? Cooper has strongly stated that it does not want to have once separated, individual deals with the USW end up with the same due date. Cooper doesn't want to risk losing all of its remaining U.S. tire production to a strike or other labor-induced action.

Previously, contracts with Findlay and Texarkana workers ended months apart, which gave Cooper time to work out new deals without the threat of losing a massive chunk of its U.S. production. Cooper still has a very productive non-union plant in Tupelo, Miss., that turns out about 42,000 passenger and light truck/SUV tires per day, compared with the 54,000 PLT/day production of Findlay and Texarkana -- combined. (Cooper closed its USW-represented Albany, Ga., plant two years ago.)

Cooper has to be looking at this situation with some trepidation. The USW, perhaps, would want to push Cooper to one contract/one date. On the surface, the other two things Cooper could do are: get back to the negotiating table in Findlay and work out a new contract that is backdated and runs on an odd-year cycle compared to a deal in Texarkana, or it could risk a run-in with the National Labor Relations Board and arbitrarily impose a "last best offer" deal on Local 207 and order them back to work -- on a backdated contract, of course.

Either way, doesn't seem like the USW International will be much of an impediment.

Of course, the other option is to close the 94-year-old tire plant -- the second oldest tire plant still in operation in the U.S. and Canada -- and move on. The Findlay plant is Cooper's smallest in North America, producing an estimated 22,000 tires per day. That is not at all what Cooper management wants to do -- and not at all what the "If-We-Tariff-They-Will-Build" USW wants to have happen -- but that option remains in play even if it is at the far end of a very long table.

In reading some of the reports from the front lines in Findlay, there is no doubt plenty of USW Local 207 members are beyond pi@@%# with their union. Findlay workers feel at once abandoned and betrayed by their union. No money has come from the mega-strike fund, and the USW has flagged tying Findlay and Texarkana together, leaving workers wondering just what their union dues are buying them.

As you can imagine, Findlay workers have plenty to say about Cooper management, which they shared with the <u>Socialist Workers Web Site</u>. "The people in the Ivory Tower aren't willing to take pay cuts," one worker told the <u>SWWS</u>. "My average pay is \$21 an hour, and you have to budget for that. Then you come in and they say, 'You have to slash your budget.' How do I cut more? Right now I'm just trying to make my house note."

Reports on the SWWS also say locked out workers have grown frustrated, and are angry to be left in the dark by the union concerning negotiations and the company's action. And while they claim that they are still standing solid, some of those who are locked out are lashing out at their union.

"The Steelworkers is one of the richest unions in the country," said one Local 207 member. "We haven't got a raise in seven years but union dues have steadily gone up."

"It used to be a union. Now they've made it a business," said another. "We're all divided. The young guys are not getting a pension. Soon they are going to be the majority in here. Then the company will offer them a small raise if they vote to get rid of our pension."

A 20-year veteran said, "It's going back to the 1930s. I lost \$30,000 a year when they changed working hours and eliminated overtime after eight hours of work. We're working 12 hours a day. People fought and died for the eight-hour day and now it's gone."

"You keep hearing the economy is getting better," said one worker to the SWWS. "Whose economy? They don't want to talk about my economy. People can't live this way. The lower classes outnumber those on top. That's why the people who have had enough are driving out all the dictators in the Middle East. You can only suppress the majority for so long."

"Obviously, nobody wants to be locked out," another said. "Everybody has to look at the big picture. There's a lot of issues over there. Job security is a big one, and I know they said we had to take pay cuts to keep our job security, but I don't know how far you can cut people's wages before enough is enough."

Local 207 workers claim they "took concessions last time," that "last time" being the three-year deal they signed in 2008 when the economy was sliding rapidly. After that, claims the union, Cooper saw years of profits, and top execs got "double-digit pay increases in the year following the union concessions."

We have no access to Cooper's human resources data, but for 2008 the tiremaker posted a \$219 million loss. In 2009 it gained \$52 million in net profits, and recorded another \$140 million in net earnings in 2010. Through the third quarter of 2011, Cooper was up \$44.5 million. So from Jan. 1, 2008, Cooper's net-net profit has been a whopping \$17.5 million.

Regardless of their math challenges, union workers felt betrayed by the company when they got locked out on Nov. 28.

"As a group we said enough was enough," another Local 207 member told the SWWS. "One of the managers told us the new proposal was going to save the company \$5 million to \$7 million. I asked, 'What about the \$30 million you already took from us in 2008?' He didn't answer."

"The people in the Ivory Tower aren't willing to take pay cuts. My average pay is \$21 an hour, and you have to budget for that," another frustrated worker to the SWWS. "Then you come in and they say, 'You have to slash your budget.' How do I cut more? Right now I'm just trying to make my house note."

So, if and when contact(s) with Cooper are resolved, just how will tire plant workers view their union moving forward? Will they feel secure and well-represented? Will they feel used and betrayed? Will they feel they have received value -- some or any value -- for the heavy dues they are obliged to pay? Or will they abandon the USW and find another labor body to represent their interests?

Many older industry observers have said the USW was never the URW, never understood the lot of tire and rubber plant workers, and never seemed to make much of an effort to do so. The USW was and is STEEL, and little more. When the URW faulted and fell, it was a marriage of convenience, though rubber workers surely felt the bigger, stronger, more aggressive USW was right for them.

No one could envision the Cooper-USW contract talks to ever be a watershed event, one that could peel tire and rubber workers away from the mighty USW. While there is no telling what the long-term relationship damage the situation in Findlay may cause, there should be little doubt the USW's hold on the tire industry appears to be slipping.

If you wonder about that, consider these unsolicited comments from a worker at Cooper's non-union Tupelo, Miss., tire plant:

"I work at our Tupelo, Miss., location. It is a nonunion plant. I love my job and my co-workers are my family and friends. I will be shipped off to either Ohio or Texarkana this weekend to build tires and train willing and non-greedy individuals because the sorry bastards in those two facilities are unwilling to be status quo with our benefits package. Look at profit margins over the last 25 years throughout our company. The Tupelo team is why Cooper Tire is still open. I will not complain nor will I back down. Guess what USW? Your peoples' retirement is funded by the sweat of Tupelo's brow. We lost our retirement in 2008 to keep YOUR jobs. I'm sure you sleep well at night, though. We work 12-hour shifts, too. If your people can't handle the job, maybe it's not the job for them. We will save the day once again, but this time I'm afraid you guys lose."

I, Jacquie Henderson, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. At 2:45 p.m. on April 23, 2011 a woman in an agitated state approached the Socialist Workers Party table at the Earth Day festival at Discovery Green Park, a public park, in downtown Houston where we had been for more than two and a half hours.
- 2. The table featured books, the Militant newspaper, and signs against Washington's assaults in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Libya and for workers' power. The signs all prominently featuring the party name. Amanda Ulman, the SWP's candidate for Texas governor last year and Houston mayor the year before, was greeted by several of the people that stopped at the table, who remembered the party's campaigns. One person came over to shake our hands soon after we set up the table. He said that as a young student in the early 1970s he had come to our campaign office to express solidarity, after the Klu Klux Klan had bombed it. He said he was impressed that we responded then by defending everybody the Klan tried to intimidate and that we "ran that oil worker (Debbie Leonard) for mayor." He said that he was glad we were continuing to get out to events like this to promote the party's views and he bought a subscription to the Militant.
- 3. The agitated woman approached the table a few minutes after we noticed a group of people passing us by without stopping, wearing t-shirts promoting the reelection of Mayor Anise Parker. In a loud voice, she asked me "What are you doing here?" I started to explain the party's working class perspective when she interrupted me, saying, "I know all that. But what are you doing here?"
- 4. At that point she identified herself as one of the organizers of the Earth Day Fair and said that we were not welcome at there. "You are not on the Mayor's list of non-profits that can be here," she said. I replied that we had the right to discuss our views and that we had been finding many people interested in them. "I don't care. You can't be here," she said. "I will call the police to have you shut down," she declared and walked off quickly.

5. The three of us shut down the table and left the fair.

6. At 4 p.m., Houston Mayor Anise Parker took the stage at the fair to announce the launching her re-election campaign. The announcement was the focal point of the press coverage of the fair.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Houston, Texas, on May 10, 2011.

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s/Jacquie Henderson Jacquie Henderson

May 10, 2011

I, Ned C. Measel, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On Saturday, September 29, 2012, I was staffing a booth at the annual Baltimore Book Fair promoting *The Militant*, a socialist newsweekly, and books about working-class, socialist politics published and distributed by Pathfinder Press.
- 2. A man I estimate to be in his early 20's stopped at the booth, talked with me for a while, and decided to subscribe to *The Militant*.
- 3. As he was filling out the subscription form he stopped and explained that he was about to enter the U.S. Navy and therefore had second thoughts about subscribing to a socialist newspaper. He said that he thought doing so might cause him some problem in the Navy. I told him that people in the U.S. Military have subscribed to the paper but he insisted that I tear up the form and give him the pieces to dispose of himself. He then left.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Washington, DC on October 9, 2012.

s/Ned C. Measel ped C. Man

Ned C. Measel October 9, 2012

I, Joel Britton, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the Socialist Workers Party, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

I am the organizer of the Socialist Workers Party's effort to win official write-in status in California for the SWP's presidential ticket. One supporter of the party's election campaign expressed to me her support for our effort to sign up electors, but said that as a government employee - a maintenance worker for a transit company – she doesn't "want to draw attention to myself in a way that might jeopardize my ability to get hired somewhere else." She referred to having "had a government security clearance suspended" some years ago when she was a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, CA on October 16, 2012.

Joel Britton October 16, 2012

I, Mary J. Martin, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates for the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On March 31 at 12 noon I participated in a protest against the lynching of Trayvon Martin in People's Park in Tacoma, WA. After the protest ended, I spent a half hour speaking to a participant in the protest who is a teacher in Tacoma and who is African American. She told me about the fight she herself was having with the Tacoma school district to keep her job due to discrimination against her as an African American woman and a political activist.
- 2. She was very interested in the Militant Newspaper and readily agreed to sign up for a subscription and also wanted to buy the pamphlet, *The Working Class and the Transformation of Learning*. She handed me money for both and took her first issue of the paper and the pamphlet. She began filling out the subscription card and kept talking about her own fight for her job. She paused just before completing the sub card. She said "You know what? I just can't have the Militant coming to my house now. Between my problems at work and the very conservative neighbors where I live, I just think receiving this paper in the mail would add to my troubles." She tore up the sub card and asked me to keep the money as a donation. I offered to have her paper come in an envelope. She said "No." She said these demonstrations on Trayvon Martin were going to go on regularly and she would see me at them and get her copy of the paper there.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Seattle, WA on September 19, 2012.

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Mary J. Martin September 19, 2012

I, Elizabeth K. Stone, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- On September 22, 2012, at a little before 3:00 p.m., I was campaigning for Socialist Workers candidates James Harris for president and Maura DeLuca for vice-president at the Sonoma County Book Fair in downtown Santa Rosa, California.
- 2. A young woman expressed interest in the campaign and support for many of the positions presented in the literature where I was, yet declined to subscribe to the campaign newspaper, explaining that she feared that receiving a socialist newspaper at her home might jeopardize her application for citizenship.
- 3. A few minutes after this, a second woman declined to subscribe to the campaign newspaper, stating that she feared that being put on the subscriber list might jeopardize her status as a recipient of housing through HUD.
- 4. Both of these conversations were witnessed by Andrea Morell who was campaigning with me at the time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on September 24, 2012.

Elizabeth K. Stone Elizabeth K. Stone

Elizabeth K. Stone September 24, 2012

I, Tom Baumann, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On July 24, 2012, I attended a rally in Bay Front Park, Miami entitled, "Raise My Wage," organized by One Miami, along with the Socialist Workers Party vice presidential candidate Maura DeLuca.
- 2. At the rally, a woman in attendance was interested in and purchased a subscription to the campaign's weekly paper, *The Militant*.
- 3. Shortly after filing out her information and making payment, she returned to me and asked that she not receive the subscription. She told me, "I am applying for citizenship and do not want to be associated with a communist newspaper."

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami, Florida, on August 12.

Tom Baumann August 12, 2012

Declaration

I, Deborah Liatos, make this declaration in support of the application of the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On October 2, 2011Dan Fein and I were selling subscriptions to the campaign newspaper The Militant door-to door in Broad Channel, Queens, N.Y.
- 2. One man who Fein and I visited was very interested in the Militant and said he was an ex-government employee and would not sign up for a subscription to the paper because he feared harassment if he did. He said, "I don't want to be on your list."

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, N.Y. on October 18, 2011.

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I, Dan Fein, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On September 26, 2011 around 4:30 pm, I was distributing the campaign newspaper, The Militant on the sidewalk next to Zuccotti Park, the site of Occupy Wall Street, on the corner of Broadway and Liberty in Manhattan, N.Y.
- 2. I was discussing with a young man the contents of the Militant and its subscription offer. He said, "It sounds like a good paper, but I will not get the subscription. Just look at all the cops around here. I don't want them to see me fill out the subscription form. I am afraid to get on a list."

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, New York on October 18, 2011

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Dan Fein October 18, 2011

I, Carole L. Lesnick, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On October 6, 2012, at around 3:00 pm., I was campaigning for Socialist Workers candidates James Harris for president and Maura DeLuca for vice-president at the Arab Cultural Festival at Union Square in San Francisco, California.
- 2. I talked to a woman about getting a subscription to our campaign newspaper, the *Militant*. She declined, saying, "I am from Algeria. I can't subscribe because I am afraid I will be put on an FBI list."

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on September 24, 2012.

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Carole L. Lesnick October 6, 2012

I, Eric M. Simpson, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- On August 3, 2012, at 7:15 a.m., I was campaigning for Socialist Workers candidates James Harris for president and Maura DeLuca for vice-president at the dispatch hall of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 10, at 400 North Point Street in San Francisco, California.
- 2. I asked an individual who was approaching the dues office if he would like to read our campaign newspaper, the *Militant*. He declined, saying, "I don't want the FBI on my tail."
- 3. Jeff Powers was campaigning with me at the time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on September 24, 2012.

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Eric M. Simpson September 26, 2012

I, Tom Baumann, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. On July 18, 2012, I asked J., a worker in the warehouse where I am employed to become an elector for the Florida Socialist Workers Party, so that my party's presidential candidate could be on the ballot.
- 2. J. asked if becoming an elector would put him on any official lists. I explained the list of the party's electors would be registered with the state and be public information.
- 3. Upon hearing this, J., someone who has bought copies of the SWP's campaign newspaper, *The Militant*, and attended programs and political actions, declined to become an elector. He stated, "I don't want to be on any government lists."

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Miami, FL, on August 10, 2012.

Tom Baumann August 10, 2012

I, Tom Tomasko, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

- 1. I have sold both individual issues of the *Militant* newspaper as well as subscriptions to it on the job for years. I work for United Airlines in San Fransisco, California.
- 2. One of my co-workers was born in Eritrea but is now a U.S. citizen. He has bought single issues of the *Militant* from me but will not buy a susbscription. He also will not come to Militant Labor Forums. He explained to me that he is afraid of losing his U.S. citizenship if he receives the *Militant* in the mail or if he is seen at a meeting.
- 3. Brian Everette who also works at United Airlines can corroborate this statement.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on September 24, 2012.

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Tom Tomasko October 27, 2012

I, Ellen Haywood, make this declaration in support of the application to the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion that the SWP, the SWP's National Campaign Committee, and the committees supporting the candidates of the SWP are entitled to an exemption from certain disclosure provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I make this statement on the basis of my personal knowledge.

1. I have two coworkers who no longer support the Democrat and Republican parties and are looking for another political party. Both of them are afraid to put their name on a mailing list or to come to a public event to hear the Socialist Workers Party presidential candidate for fear of being targeted by the government or our employer for their interest in the SWP.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on September 24, 2012.

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Ellen Haywood October 24, 2012