

HAMPTON ROADS STRIKE SUPPORT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The HRSSOC has formed itself out of the necessity for an organization capable of drawing together the various segments of the working population around a program of defending the entire working class as-a-whole as it comes under increasing attack from the ruling class of financial and industrial capitalists and their political machinery. We see the increasing attacks on the various segments (whether they are welfare recipients, students, organized trade unionists, unorganized workers, or unemployed) as an attack which is being focused on the whole working class.

In response to this attack of wage slashing, union busting, legal repression, and the reduction in the educational, medical, and other services necessary to the further development of a decent and productive life; the HRSSOC will assist in the struggles of working people against such attacks through taking these struggles out of isolation and placing them in the context of a program and an understanding which can bring the much larger forces of the whole working class to aid in any particular struggle and at the same time increasing the ability of the entire working class to become a united force.

A PROGRAM FOR THE WORKING CLASS

1. A decent minimum income for all employed or unemployed, with automatic increases to offset effects of inflation. Based on Department of Labor figures for maintaining a basic standard of living, \$150/week would be a minimum.
2. Expansion of jobs in production of needed goods and services. End to lay-offs, unemployment and speed-up. Increase in education, transportation, housing, health and welfare.
3. Tax the banks and giant corporations, not employed and unemployed working people. Repeal of all federal, state, and local sales and wage taxation on incomes of families below \$15,000 a year and on incomes of individuals below \$7,500 a year, with the main burden of necessary taxation to fall upon the income and wealth of firms and upon capital gains (speculation, slum income, corporate profits, rental profit, debt service on municipal bonds, etc.)
4. Protection of all working class and left organizations from both illegal and legal harrassment. The right of working people to organize without restraining, anti-strike laws, injunctions, or wage freezes. Government terrorism against Angela Davis and Ben Chavis must end. It is only the first step before the labor movement of working people are attacked. Our defense is a mass movement which unites the fragmented parts of the entire working class.