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This letter is about the
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The Honorable [REDACTED]
Democratic Party County Committee Member for the [REDACTED] ED in the [REDACTED] AD
[REDACTED]
New York, NY [REDACTED]

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Dear Michael,

My name is Theo Chino, and I lead the Socialist faction inside the Democratic party.

I am writing to invite you to our County Committee preparatory meeting at the public atrium at the Continental Center at **180 Maiden Lane on Thursday, September 21st, 2023, at 7 pm.**

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Research the story behind Labor Day; you will discover that it's a Socialist holiday commemorating the struggle of the Chicago workers gathered at the Haymarket Square demanding an 8-hour work week in 1886.

The American representatives that included the United Hebrew Trades, the United Brothers League of Iowa, the German Workers Union of New York, the Socialist Labor Party of America, the International Typographical Union, and the Knights of Labor went to Paris and got the resolution on the remembrance of the Haymarket riots.

The world celebrates that remembrance on May 1st, and the United States and Canada on the first Monday of September. **That was us, the Type II (two) Socialists.** We enshrined Labor Day.

Who are the Socialists today? Alain Berset, President of Switzerland; **Pedro Sanchez**, Prime Minister of Spain and European Union President; **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**, President of Brazil; **António Costa**, Prime Minister of Portugal; **Olaf Scholz**, Chancellor of Germany; **Jonas Gahr Støre**, Prime Minister of Norway; **Marcel Ciolacu**, Prime Minister of Romania, **Mahmoud Abbas**; President of the Palestinian National Authority; **Cyril Ramaphosa**, President of South Africa; **Anthony Albanese**, Prime Minister of Australia; **Gabriel Boric**, President of Chile; **Luis Abinader**, President of Dominican Republic; **António Guterres**, United Nation General Secretary; to name a few.

Since 2017, every two years, I have interrupted the County Committee meeting **asking for a roll call vote** for the election of the chair of the county Democratic party. **At every meeting, the leadership does find every excuse unimaginable not to do it.** That request only requires one person to demand it to be executed. **At every meeting, the leadership breaks the law.**

It's time the United States offers the 300 million Americans what we, the New York City government, provide the poorest of its citizens: Free Education, Free Health Care, and much more. **It's time we start taking care of each other.** It shouldn't be the middle class paying for the poorest but also the 1%. We need to tax the 1%.

The New York County Democratic Party must create a real progressive political platform without any loopholes for the 1%. **We need to tax the rich.**

Join us on September 21st at the Continental Center at 180 Maiden Lane at 7 pm. Feel free to write me at **theo@socialists.us** or call me at (212) 694-9968 if you have any questions.

In solidarity,
Hasta la victoria, ¡siempre!

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My proposals as Chairperson:

- Collaborate with other NYC County Committees to organize a presidential debate so that we, and not the media, get to ask questions which are important to us,
- Transform our County Committee meeting into an true political convention, where we can use grassroots organizing to discuss local issues and formulate real solutions,
- Redesign our website to make it a useful source of information for the general public as well as our own members,
- Lobby for DNC Resolution 19 to ban use of dark money in the democratic primaries.

Every time we allow the executives to decide which candidates voters should learn about, we deny ourselves the right to choose our desired candidates and our slates.

I am running for Chairperson to give all county committee members a voice in collectively deciding which issues we should address and which candidates will best represent the people of Manhattan.

We need to ensure that every New York City activist is matched with the right political club.

Feel free to ask me any questions by email at **theo@socialists.us** or by phone at **(212) 694-9968**.

**I ask your vote for the County
Chair of our Democratic
County Committee.**

Theo Chino

I was born in France and raised on 141 street. I am a trilingual Dominican French activist and technology professional who worked for a Fortune 500 company for 15 years. As a dual citizen, I have been a member of the French Socialist Party.

After I worked in Silicon Valley during the 2000 Dot Com boom, I ran the Time Warner Cable network overseeing all of their cable boxes and Internet modems. I was laid off after the Spectrum corporate merger because I refused to relocate to Denver and leave the city.

I co-founded Education Française à New York to create real dual-language solutions in the New York City Public School system (*P.S. 125 in Harlem and P.S. 58 in Brooklyn*). I am a member of my building's Tenant Association, where we oversee our Third Party Transfer program. I raised the alarm on the lack of HPD oversight in this program. I was a voting member of Community Board 9 and a candidate for New York City Public Advocate.

In Paris, I was a member of the executive board of a worldwide association to protect the rights of French emigrants. I invented and set in place strategies used in many successful political campaigns in both Paris and New York City.

I went to college in Alaska and while living there, I fought the oil industry with the Alaska PIRG. I have been an activist since I was 14 years old, starting with selling buttons to raise money for the Anti-Apartheid movement in South Africa.

Always an energetic and innovative activist in all these places, I want to lead Manhattan's Democratic party into the 21st century. Our County Committee can be so much more than it is under the current leadership.





Theo Chino <theo.chino@gmail.com>

Re: Disregard Theo Chino Letter

1 message

To: Theo Chino <theo.chino@gmail.com>, theo@socialists.us

Sat, Sep 16, 2023 at 10:28 PM

On Sat, Sep 16, 2023 at 10:28 PM Tioga Carver Democratic Club <tiogademocraticclub@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Evening Tioga & County Committee Members,

Please disregard the attached letter by Theo Chino....

Just for your information the actual meeting for the 2023 County Committee will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7PM at the following location.

**New York Society for Ethical Culture
2 West 64th Street
New York, NY 10023**

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.



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Best,
Yvonne Andre'
Secretary & Treasurer

Subject: 1694970586 - We are the world, NYU Conference on Social Democracy, Climate March and other things.

From: "Theo Chino" <socdemsamerica@gmail.com>

Date: 9/17/2023, 1:09 PM

To: theo@theochino.com



Dear District Leader Frank,

I sent each County Committee member a letter (*which I have attached to this email*), and I can see that it had some effect on the response one club gave its members (*also attached.*)

That behavior clearly shows that people don't understand what I am about.

My political view has always been Social Democracy, and around the world, Social Democracy is called Socialism. It's only in the United States that the term has become convoluted to the point that it has allowed American corporations to bully the world.

We are ending this because **New York City is 36% of the diaspora, and half of that diaspora are Social Democrats.** The problem is that it's for them; as I stated above, it's called Socialism and comes attached with all the stigma it implies.

In 2017, I started putting a plan in motion and traveling the world explaining that Socialism was not a bad word. I shared my experience of being labeled as such, working for Time Warner Cable, being a member of my Community Board, or Creating the French/English dual language schools within the DOE.

I know what it is to be a Socialist inside the Democratic party, and many are like me. Please don't take my word about it; ask around. Ask: **"What can you tell me about Social Democracy?"**

The reality is that the diaspora is not interested in making waves, so they keep quiet. Once in a while, in the privacy of the ballot booth, **they will vote for Socialism as they did against Joe Crowley.**

I have shared the letter with my worldwide Social Democrat network, and I can say that it reaffirms their belief in the *"Stupid and Ignorant Americans"* image around the world.

However, it's not all lost, and next Saturday and Sunday, **New York University is organizing a conference on Social Democracy.** Consider taking the time to join a few panels.



<https://as.nyu.edu/research-centers/remarque/events/Fall-2023/the-future-of-social-democracy.html>

I can't force you to educate yourself on Socialism. Still, I can convince the Socialist New Yorkers in your neighborhood to replace you with Social Democrats like Alexandria Occasio-Cortez did. Petitioning starts in about 160 days, and we are ready to go.

Trust me, after being ostracised for many years, I was surprised by the sheer numbers of Socialists in New York City, and so are the Social Democrats of the world.



<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/01/15/social-democracy-save-world-again-socialism>

In my last email, I invited you to an event at the LGBT Center about **Resisting Russian Imperialism: Ukraine's Struggle for Self-Determination**. We posted the video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/p3JaxiXG1TU>.



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Please share it with your club members, as this will enlighten many Democrats on the situation in Ukraine. As I like to shorten it, the need is simple: they are running out of bullets; **they need bullets!**

I am going around New York City asking Democratic and Republican District leaders to consider endorsing the Ukraine Solidarity Network mission statement: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-ihmachMueK2DKP-IRmPoxURY_xXoG6NyjWi4AfBCbs/viewform?edit_requested=true.

One particular area of contention around Ukraine concerns Race and whether African Americans should support Ukraine. To the BIPOC District Leaders, I would like you to consider Bill Fletcher, Jr.'s article in Word in Black titled: "[Why African Americans Should Support Ukraine](https://wordinblack.com/2023/04/why-african-americans-should-support-ukraine)" <https://wordinblack.com/2023/04/why-african-americans-should-support-ukraine>.

Consider endorsing the statement.

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— Attachments: —

Disregard_Redacted.pdf	957 KB
2023-09-10-PackageSentToNYDem.pdf	935 KB