



My name is Theo Chino-Tavarez, and I am a Socialist. On the other side of this form, you will find the Socialist proxy form **designating Rosa Diaz or Enrico Zanon** to act on your behalf after 9 p.m.

If you sign it, hand it to the **Social Democrats of America** or **Global Greens USA** table.

Donald Trump has been able to rise with **his fascist policies** by exploiting the negativity attached to the words ***Socialism***, ***Communism***, and ***Anarchism***.

Since 2015, I have been publicly writing and speaking about the need to change how we in the United States understand those words. Following Bernie's footsteps, I chose to openly state my politics for what they are: Socialist.

I have been a card-carrying Socialist since 2004. When I served on my community board, the chair—who was a Republican—publicly praised Spanish fascist dictator Franco and declared that in the United States, Socialists like me should be shot.

At the time, I did not fully grasp the violence behind those words. Today, however, we clearly see the danger of how normalized that rhetoric has become—and why Donald Trump was able to become our president.

If we want to fight fascism, we must think outside the box.

By turning in this Socialist proxy, you are sending a powerful message to the world: here in Manhattan, **we will not tolerate fascism**, and **we are ready to learn about Socialism**. We will think creatively, reclaim our political parties, and chart a new course for our country.

That will require us to participate and recruit across Manhattan—inviting Liberals and moderates to take control of the Republican Party, while we Social Democrats reclaim the Democratic Party. Together, we must ensure that both parties represent the will of Manhattanites, not just the interests of a handful of billionaires.

This proxy form is the first step in that direction.

You will see us walking around, so don't hesitate to flag us down. On the reverse side, you will find the universal definition of Socialism.

For the past ten years, I have openly challenged scholars to debate me on this definition—yet none have accepted. **Socialism can only be defined by Socialists**, and the old, erroneous formula of "collectivization of the means of production," peddled by American media, right-wing scholars and Donald Trump, **is not the current definition of** Socialism.

Socialism:

A Socialist society is one in which the government provides **free education** and **universal healthcare**, **opposes the death penalty**, supports **abortion rights**, ensures a **universal basic income**, upholds the **right to unionize**, protects the **separation of church and state**, and affirms that its fundamental role is to make life bearable for all while **safeguarding individual liberties**.



New York County Democratic Party

PROXY

I hereby designate **Rosa Diaz / Enrico Zanon** as my proxy to vote and otherwise act in my behalf at the **September 29th, 2025** New York County Democratic County Committee for the purpose of organization, adoption of rules, filing any vacancy in a Democratic Party nomination that may then exist and the transaction of such other business as may properly completed before the meeting according to the number of votes I should be entitled to cast if then personally present.

Signature

9/29/2025

Date

Print Name

Current Time

Telephone Number

AD/ED

Please print your name and include your cell phone number so we can reach you.