

# The Organizer

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## THE AMAZON BURNS



*A statement drafted by the SPUSA Ecosocialist Working Group  
Statement approved by the SPUSA National Action Committee*

The Amazon is burning. These fires, enabled by Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro for the profit of giant agribusiness, are a deliberate tactic to clear land for development. The Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais reported a 79% increase in forest fires from this same period in 2018. As promised by the Bolsonaro regime, large hectares of Amazon forest will be opened up for Western development.

The burning of the Rainforest has the effect of destroying its capacity to reduce carbon pollution and provide breathable air for the entirety of the world. These fires directly threaten the survivability of life on this planet and hasten our descent into climate extinction.

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## Local and State Party Organizing

### Boston Local Organizing Meeting



Members from the Boston Local met with SPUSA National Secretary, Greg Pason, to discuss rebuilding the Local and setting up local activities. The meeting was also joined by Bend Oregon Local Organizer, Kyle Fitzgerald, who was in town.

The discussion was productive and new events were organized. We're looking forward to hearing back from Boston!

### New Jersey 2019 State Convention



New Jersey SP members gathered at the New Brunswick Public Library on Saturday, August 23rd to discuss strategy, listen to speakers and elect new State Committee officers.



Green Party US presidential candidate, Howie Hawkins, and One Peoples Project Director

Daryle Lamont Jenkins spoke to the attendees. The speeches were live streamed by New Jersey Revolution Radio.

New State Officers include State Chair, John Palmucci, Vice-Chair, Greg Pason, Secretary, Pat Noble, and Treasurer Stephanie Gussin

GLOBAL  
**CLIMATE  
STRIKE**  
20-27 SEPT

SPUSA Locals will be holding and endorsing actions during **Climate Strike**. Check out the SPUSA homepage for more info

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## **Amazon statement continued...**

Along with environmental protections being lifted, the rights of Indigenous people in the Brazilian Amazon have come under brutal attack. Unimaginable suffering has been brought to bear as indigenous people are driven from their homes and way of life in the name of capitalist profiteering that is devoid of even basic morals or human decency.

These fires directly threaten the survivability of life on this planet and should be a concern to all - not just the Indigenous and Brazilian people. It is the responsibility of everyone to resist the Bolsonaro regime and the capitalists destroying the Rainforest for profit.

In the United States, one method of resistance is through boycotting corporations that are directly responsible for the profit-driven deforestation. An example of this is JBS, which is the largest meat processing corporation in the world. Companies like JBS directly benefit from the destruction of the Amazon because it creates new grazing land where an ecological paradise once stood. In turn, this allows for increased exports of beef and, ultimately, increased profits. Boycotting the products of corporations that are directly implicated in the destruction of the Amazon would send a clear message to those capitalists using the medium they care most about.

The Socialist Party calls for a boycott of JBS beef whenever possible. JBS is distributed by U.S. Foods, sold at Walmart and Kroger, and can be found in multiple fast food establishments and small markets around the nation.

The Socialist Party stands in solidarity with the Indigenous people of the Brazilian Amazon who are being systematically removed by wildfire and military force for grazing land and development.

We further condemn the Bolsonaro regime for enabling this deadly wave of capitalist exploitation against the Amazon Rainforest, Indigenous people, and the planet as a whole.

Only through a rapid shift to socialism can the planet and its inhabitants be saved from climate extinction. We encourage you to consider joining the Socialist Party today.

## **2019 ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS**

**Andy Argo for Kalamazoo City MI Commission** - I'm running for city commission because, as someone born and raised in the Edison Neighborhood, I have grown up with a profound love and concern for my fellow working class and otherwise marginalized neighbors in the city of Kalamazoo. I see our city at a critical crossroads where our future can either be planned out by wealthy elites, whose material interests exacerbate gentrification and displacement, or one where Kalamazoo's working class asserts its power and creates a city that protects us and our interest [www.kspcampaign.com](http://www.kspcampaign.com)

**Josh Bradley for Raleigh NC City Council District A** - An activist with Occupy Raleigh, formed to resist the burden of excessive debt, the spread of widening financial inequality, and the planned indifference of government to public well-being. Joshua served on the Political Education Working Group of the Triangle People's Assembly, investigating how these problems might be addressed from the perspective of workers. He is the current chair of the Northern Piedmont Local of the Socialist Party-USA and a member of the NC Green Party.

Josh Bradley has been endorsed by the North Carolina Green Party, the Socialist Party of North Carolina, and #VOTEPROCHOICE. [www.jbradleyforraleighworkers.org](http://www.jbradleyforraleighworkers.org)

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NATIONAL  
CONVENTION**

**OCTOBER 25-27** ★ **NEWARK, NJ**

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