
COMMUNISM IN ST. LOUIS



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Victims of Communism – St. Louis Commission



COMMUNISM IN THE STREETS OF ST. LOUIS

In addition to the Communist Party USA, St. Louis has a number of active Communist and Marxist based organizations, which include Center for People's Self Determination, Community Power Network (Formerly the People's Revolutionary Defense Coalition PRDC), For the People St. Louis (FTP-STL), People's Party for Socialism and Liberation, Red Terror Crew, Socialist Alternative, Socialist Revolution.org, Socialist Rifle Association – STL, St. Louis Socialists, and Uhuru Solidarity Movement. These groups engage in propaganda campaigns, recruitment efforts, and more.

This exhibit includes a small sampling of their activity around St. Louis.



Hammer and Sickle with "No War" graffitied on Soldiers' Memorial downtown St. Louis



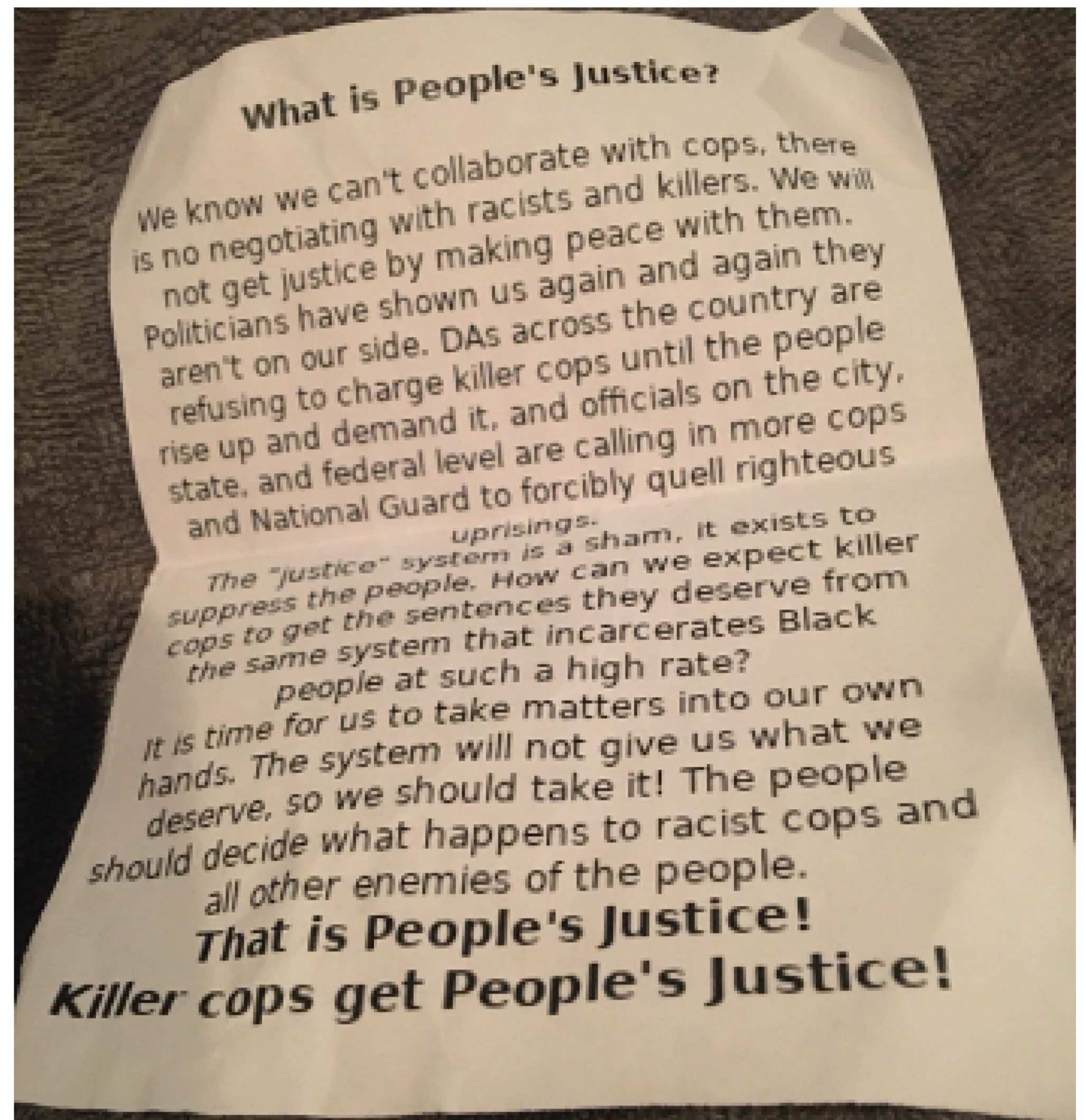
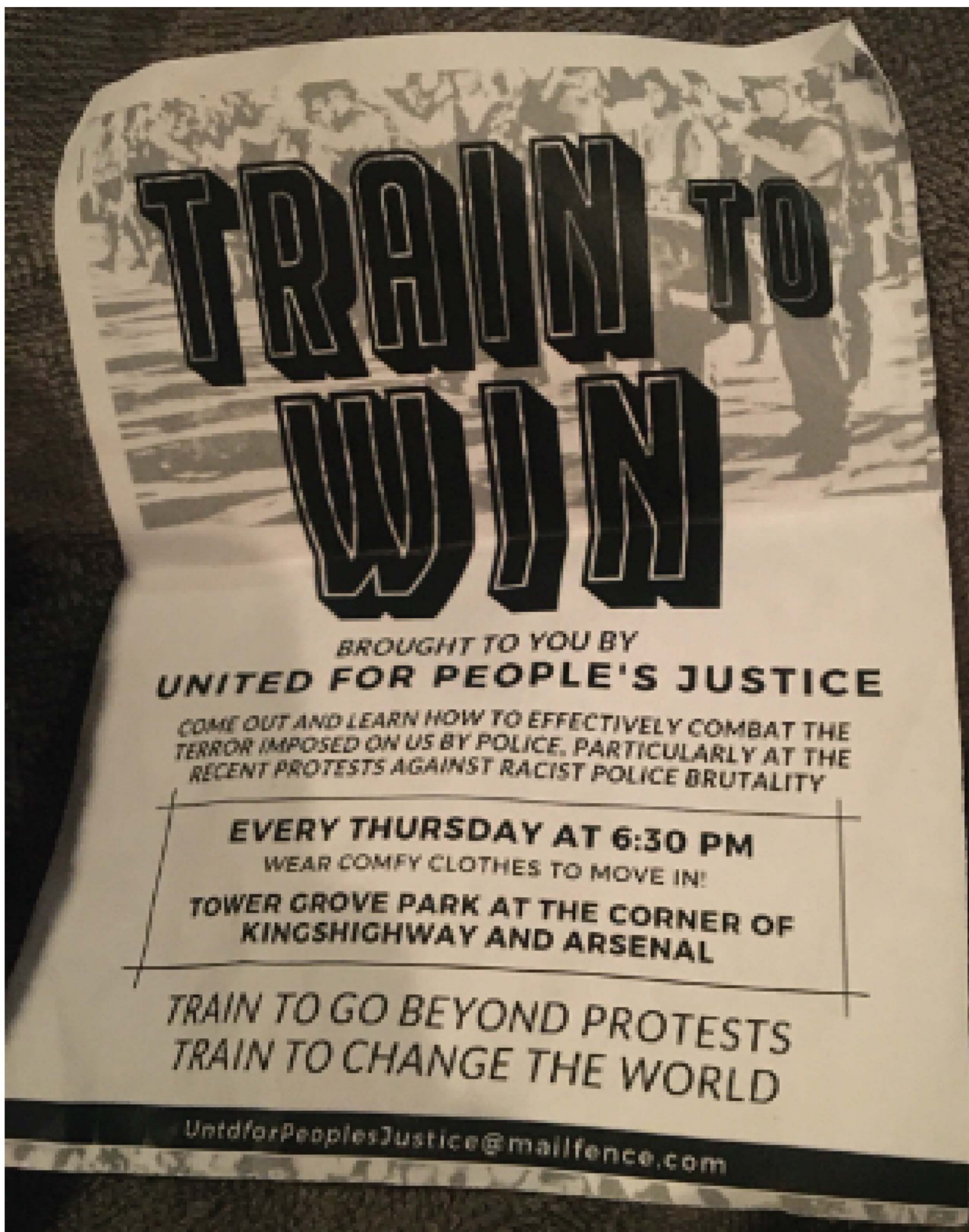


Revolutionary Militant Maoist Communist group For the People-STL taking center stage in front of Mayor Lyda Krewson's house on June 28, 2020 prior to the group marching to the McCloskey's residential area. For the People-STL also organized a protest in Delmar on June 6, 2020 as covered by the St. Louis Post Dispatch. The Post Dispatch did not report that this organization is a Maoist Communist group.



Communists protesting against Saint Louis IX statue, Catholic priests, and Catholic parishioners during their Rosary Vigil in Forest Park.

Self-designated St. Louis Communist groups, propaganda, protest involvement, recruiting, studying, armed training, hand-to-hand combat training, vigilante calls to action, and calls for revolutionary violence.



REVOLUTIONARY STUDY GROUPS

WORKING WOMEN'S STRUGGLES, PEOPLE'S REBELLIONS, ANTIFASCISM, POLITICAL PRISONER SUPPORT, ETC

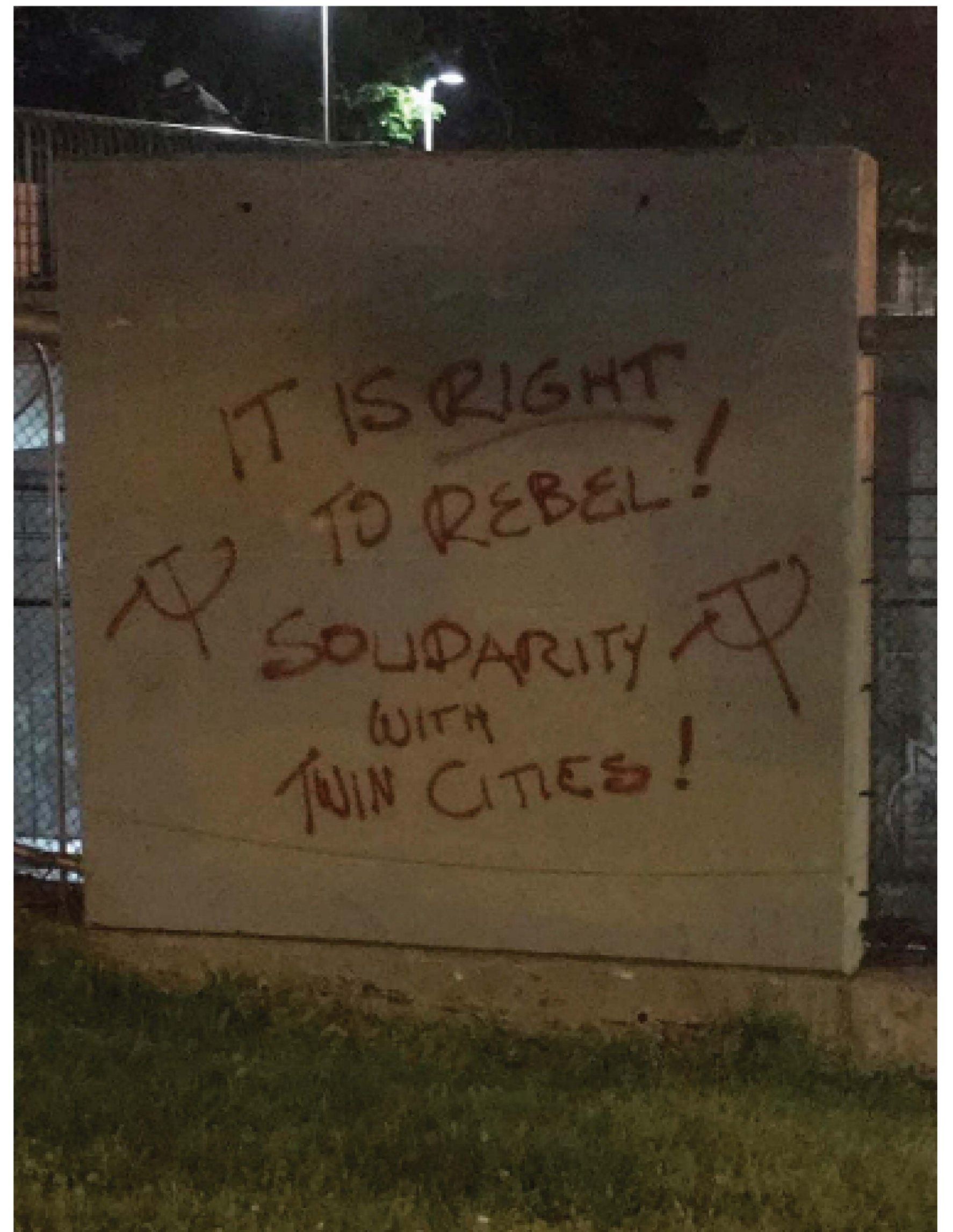
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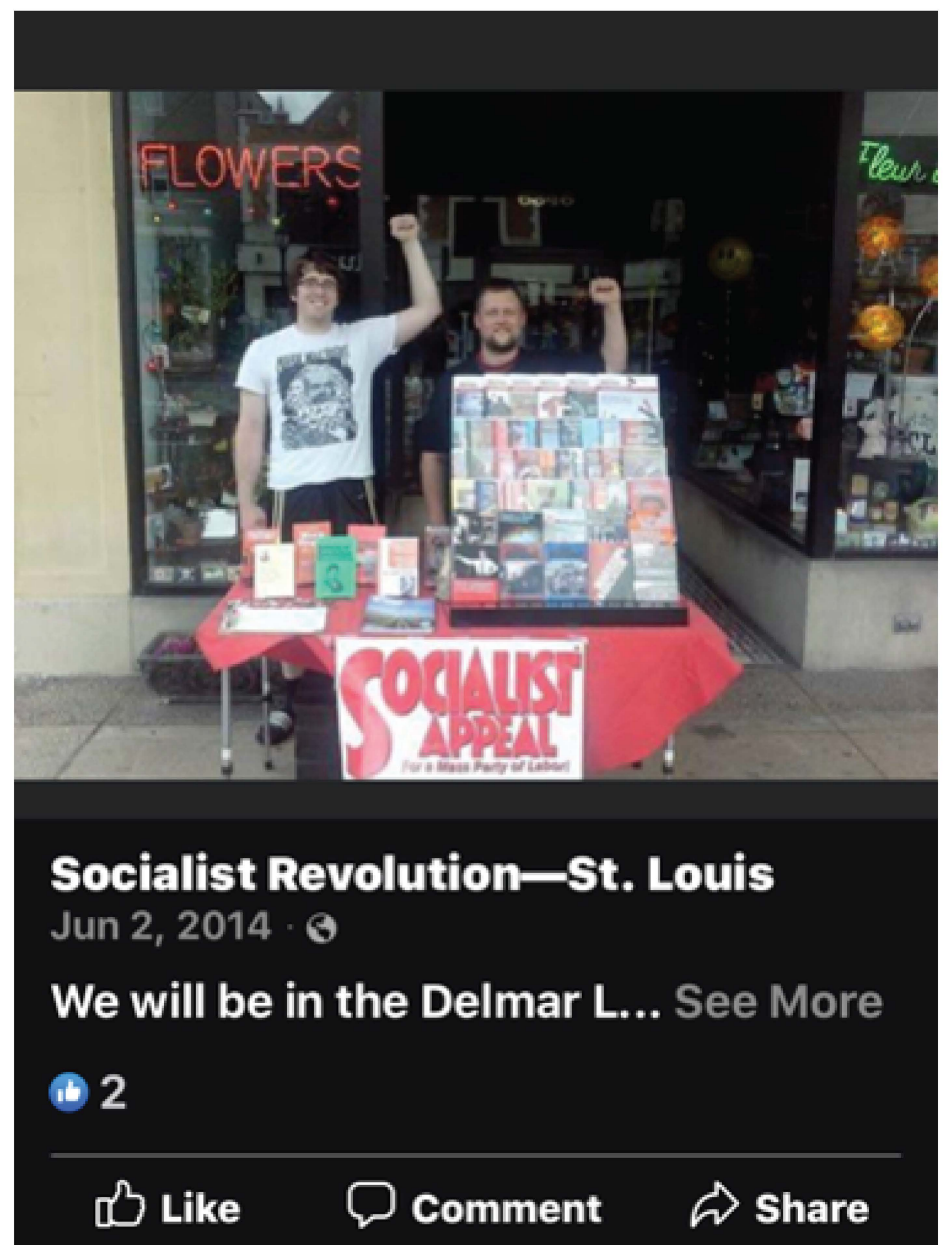
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Self-designated Communist groups recruiting in St. Louis.





COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis has seen an influx of Communism in local politics including support for the Communist Party USA (CPUSA). A number of elected leaders have supported, accepted support, or are affiliated directly with the CPUSA. The CPUSA still subscribes to Marxist and Leninist ideologies and has been extremely effective in getting their preferred candidates elected and members involved in neighborhood political ward organizations, neighborhood associations, and grass roots activist groups. One group is the St. Louis Workers' Education Society (WES), a non-profit organization whose leaders have personal affiliations with the CPUSA. The WES has targeted city politics and unions to enact change that meets their organizations mission.

In 2019, CPUSA National Board Member Tony Pecinovksy ran for 14th Ward Alderman as a Democrat against incumbent Democrat Carol Howard. Pecinovksy was not transparent about his long-time membership with the CPUSA in his campaign literature and promotions. A number of local elected leaders and unions endorsed Pecinovksy over Howard despite knowing his separate party membership with the CPUSA. The election ended with Howard being re-elected, winning by only 52 votes.

Missouri State Representative Peter Merideth publicly endorsed Pecinovsky and donated to his campaign. During his term, Merideth voted “no” on legislation that would have enacted a “Victims of Communism Memorial Day” for Missouri. Merideth is also a recipient of the Hershel Walker Peace & Justice Award, which is presented at an award event hosted by the St. Louis Workers’ Education Society (WES) and presented by People’s World (the Marxist national news publication). The award is named after Walker who was a long-time St. Louis communist.



Pecinovsky was also publicly endorsed and received campaign donations from St. Louis City Treasurer Tishaura Jones, Former Missouri State Representative and current Acting Chairman for the Missouri Democratic Party Clem Smith, and 15th Ward Alderwoman Megan Green, who are all recipients of the Hershel Walker Peace & Justice Award (pictured below L to R).




Other notable elected leaders and organizations that publicly endorsed Pecinovsky include U.S. Representative of the 1st District Cori Bush, 14th Ward Committee Woman Madeline Buthod, Former 14th Ward Committee Man Harry Kennedy, 14th Ward Democratic Associations, The Young Dems, and three union PACs.

The red boxes below highlight candidates that are supporters of the WES, publicly endorsed Pecinovsky for 14th Ward Alderman, and/or has affiliation with the CPUSA.

#ALDERGEDDON2019

President of the Board of Aldermen: Megan Ellyia Green

Ward 2: Thomas Bradley	Ward 16: No candidate applied
Ward 4: Robert Dillard	Ward 18: Jeffery Hill
Ward 6: Ald. Christine Ingrassia	Ward 20: Ald. Cara Spencer
Ward 8: Ald. Annie Rice	Ward 22: Tonya Finley-McCaw
Ward 10: Pat Hickey	Ward 24: Bret Narayan
Ward 12: Derrick Neuner	Ward 26: Jake Blanton
Ward 14: Tony Pecinovsky	Ward 28: Ald. Heather Navarro



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St. Louis CPUSA on the move!

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BY: TONY PECINOVSKY | AUGUST 28, 2017



It has been a busy year for the Missouri/Kansas District of the Communist Party and next year will be no different!

St. Louis has been a successful target for the Communist Party USA.

Nicholas James is a CPUSA organizer that served as Chairman for the 8th Ward Independent Democratic Association. His CPUSA membership was brought to the attention of the membership, but the organization saw no issue with the conflict of interest.



Annie Rice is with Nicholas James. September 21 at 5:33 PM · 🌐

My friend Nicholas James hates smiling for pictures, but loves serving people, fights like hell for worker's rights, and is adamant about equality, diversity, and inclusion. Nicholas shows up, he does the work, and I'm proud to work alongside him, to be his neighbor, and to count him as a friend.



8th Ward Alderwoman Annie Rice and Nicholas James

Members of the Communist Party USA set up 'Workers' Education Societies' in target cities. These are non-profit organizations that are run by executive board members who have personal affiliations with the CPUSA. In 2017, CPUSA member and WES President Tony Pecinovsky did an interview with the Jacobin titled "Old Left, New Victories." In the interview, Pecinovsky details how the WES' success can be traced back to the Communist Party, and how they created a city target plan to get their members in local organizations and political offices and engaged in political initiatives.

Give today! Give tomorrow! Give to the fastest growing labor-community organization in St. Louis. In solidarity.

(L to R) MO State Rep Peter Merideth, 8th Ward Alderwoman Annie Rice, 9th Ward Alderman Dan Guenther, Former MO State Rep Bruce Franks Jr., CPUSA National Board Member Tony Pecinovsky stand outside the WES building on Jefferson Ave.



While we cannot and do not endorse candidates we can say how proud we are of **Cori Bush** representing our city and the values of working people. Check out this inspiring video.

"It is not enough to vote decent anymore." -Cori Bush



MO State Representative Rasheen Aldridge speaking at the Communist Party National Convention in 2014. Aldridge also serves on the WES Executive Board.

The WES making an informal endorsement for Cori Bush (elected to the US House of Representatives in 2020).

The Emerging Fight-Back: Black Lives Matter, Low-Wage Workers and the Sander's Movement

The CPUSA, its members and allies are deeply engaged in this fight-back – primarily at the grassroots, among low-wage workers, in the trade unions, and in many local areas the Sanders' Movement.

We were a part of and helped to lead the struggles in Ferguson, Missouri. Our members took to the streets shortly after the murder of Michael Brown. Additionally, we helped to shape and define the outcome of the Ferguson Commission and its recommendations for police-community relations moving forward. And we helped bring a discussion of Black Lives Matter into the labor movement, primarily through the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and International Labor Communications Association. The program director for the AFL-CIO's Civil, Women and Human Rights Commission recently keynoted one of our *People's World* events, highlighting the centrality of Civil Rights to Workers' Rights. African American working class leadership is integral to building progressive victories in our country and stopping the mad drive towards a Trump presidency, and the prospects of war.

In 2016, National CPUSA Board Member Tony Pecinovsky was invited by the French Communist Party to address the WCPP International Peace Conference.

Institutional Support

- Painters' District Council 58
- Laborers' Local 110 & Eastern Missouri District Council
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1439
- Operating Engineers' International Union Local 148
- Sheetmetal Workers Local 36
- Service Employees International Union Local 1 & HC
- The St. Louis Labor Tribune
- State Rep. Clem Smith (85th District)
- State Rep. Bruce Franks (78th District)
- State Rep. Peter Merideth (80th District)
- Alderman Cara Spencer (Ward 20)
- Alderman Megan Green (Ward 15)
- Alderman Annie Rice (Ward 8)
- Madeline Buthod (14th Ward Committee Woman)
- Bryan Walsh / Sara Johnson (9th Ward Committee-People)

Institutional supporters of the WES as listed on their website include a number of local unions and local elected leaders.

Greater St. Louis Labor Council charts new affiliate organization, the St. Louis Workers' Education Society

February 20, 2017

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Correspondent

Since its 2013 National Convention, the AFL-CIO has been proactively reaching out to and engaging constituency groups, like the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) and Pride at Work (labor's LGBTQ constituency group), among others, including Workers' Centers.

Where appropriate, state federations and central labor councils have also taken strides to become more inclusive and welcoming to Workers' Centers.



WORKERS CENTER CHARTERED: The Greater St. Louis Labor Council unanimously has voted to charter the St. Louis Workers Education Society (WES) as an official AFL-CIO Workers Center. Celebrating its new status are (from left) Director of Business Development for Painters District Council 58 Steve Wayland, District Council 58 Political Director Gary Otten, St. Louis Labor Council President Pat White, WES Secretary-Treasurer Don Giljum, WES President Tony Pecinovsky, WES Votes coordinator Shuron Jones, and WES Directory of Advocacy and Education Al Neal. - Labor Tribune photo

The WES was recognized by the AFL-CIO as an official Workers Education Society. The WES teaches affiliated union members “Labor History” and “Political Education.” The WES members that teach these education classes are members of the CPUSA. Giljum, Pecinovsky, Jones, and Neal are all publicly open communists.



Tony Pecinovsky

February 19 at 8:19 AM · 🌐

I'm excited to co-lead a day-long labor history seminar with my colleagues Al Neal and Don Giljum at the Sheet Metal Workers (SMART) Local 36 with their 3rd year apprentices. PM me if you or your union would like us to provide labor history curriculum to your members. In solidarity.

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Tony Pecinovsky

Apr 25, 2016 · 🌐

Friends - starting tomorrow, and every Tuesday and Thursday for the next 8 weeks, the St. Louis Workers' Education Society will provide the political education / labor history courses for the Painters' DC 58 sponsored Advanced Skills Workforce Center participants. We're really excited about this program. It has a proven track record of placing graduates with union contractors, thereby helping to end the cycle of poverty so many people in our community face. If you have questions about the program, don't hesitate to talk with me, Don Giljum or [Steve Wayland](#). In solidarity.

(L) WES President and National CPUSA Member Pecinovsky stating he and fellow CPUSA and WES members Neal and Giljum will be teaching labor history to SMART apprentices.

(R) “Political Education and Labor History” for the Painters’ Union, as taught by CPUSA members representing the WES.

Victims’ of Communism St. Louis Commission (VOC-STL) reached out to Painters’ DC 58 leadership in a formal letter for their membership. VOC-STL asked if we could be provided a copy of the curriculum that is being taught to their members and asked if their membership knew the political affiliation of their instructors. Painters’ DC 58 leadership did not respond to our request.

Vandalism and anti-voting signs in St. Louis, November 2020.

