

STARBUCKS, SOCIALISTS, & SOLIDARITY

From Buffalo and Boston to San Francisco and San Antonio, Starbucks workers are organizing, and DSA members are supporting them. At this writing, more than 200 stores have voted to unionize, and hundreds more have started campaigns. Still, only 3% of stores have voted to join with Starbucks Workers United, and the coffee behemoth has retaliated by closing down many stores. For the first time in years, though, workers have a sympathetic National Labor Relations Board in Washington, one that will enforce existing labor laws, thus making the union's work more likely to succeed. DSA's Labor Commission has prepared a Chapter Toolkit (bit.ly/sbuckstoolkit) to help you brew some solidarity. But solidarity doesn't stop once the vote is held. "It can take up to 400 days from the time of the election for us to get a contract," says one DSA organizer. "We need a wall of support that will be there for the long haul."

HOW YOUR CHAPTER CAN HELP STARBUCKS WORKERS

1. Always, always coordinate with the workers. Their livelihoods are on the line. Ask what they need.
2. Print flyers (and don't forget to note that the labor is donated)
3. Start a relief fund to help workers with extra expenses. Seattle DSA raised \$50,000!
4. Stage a sip-in at a store that is actively engaged in organizing.
5. Put Starbucks organizers in touch with your chapter's contacts in local unions, progressive groups, and with politicians
6. Adopt a store that has a campaign at tinyurl.com/AdoptStore
7. Talk to your friends and neighbors about the campaign
8. Join a picket line
9. Buy supplies
10. Stay committed. Voting for a union is only the first step. Getting a contract is the goal.

MORE ONLINE

Go to dsausa.org/democratic-left/ to read firsthand accounts of what it's like to work in a Starbucks store

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CHART: STARBUCKS WINS, LOSSES, AND FILINGS OVER TIME

DATA COMPILED BY MORE PERFECT UNION. AS OF EARLY AUGUST 2022, 318 STORES HAD FILED FOR AN NLRB ELECTION, ACCORDING TO MORE PERFECT UNION. 220 STORES HAVE WON THEIR ELECTION SO FAR.

318 TOTAL STORES FILED

WINS (220)

LOSSES (46)

PENDING FILINGS (52)

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