

CNY Solidarity Coalition; Purview Decision-Making Plan - Approved 5/21/17

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Guiding principle: Committees do not need to wait for Full Coalition approval to formulate positions and take actions, as long as these positions and actions do not contradict Coalition positions or developing positions.

1. Committees

a. Actions

Protests, events, training, etc. are decided on by working committees, working in alignment with the CNY Solidarity Pledge and other positions or statements approved by the Coalition.

Some actions may need full Coalition approval. It is the committees' responsibility to ensure that:

- the type of action aligns with Coalition guidelines for action.
- the focus of action aligns with Coalition priorities and values.

If the committee notices a possible concern, committee will ask for the full Coalition's approval:

- For urgent action: Email to cross-committee representation listserv for approval by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of those responding. (committees must maintain sufficient representation in this list)
- For anything else: Ask full Coalition approval at the next meeting.

Committees will report back to the Coalition on actions, positions taken, etc.

2. Coordinating Committee

a. Administrative Work

Coordinating Committee plans and organizes Solidarity Coalition meetings and oversees the work of functional committees (Finance, Communication, etc.)

It is NOT responsible for the content of Committee meetings.

It is NOT responsible for making policy decisions for the Coalition.

b. Internal Logistical Communications / Synchronizing Actions & Work

Committees will inform the Coordinating Committee and other concerned committees of upcoming actions, including dates and times. The Coordinating Committee will help avoid time conflicts and multiple committees taking on the same or opposite actions. It will monitor and respond as needed to developing issues and priorities.

3. Full Coalition

Note: Committees do not need to wait for full Coalition approval to formulate positions and take actions, as long as these positions and actions do not contradict approved or developing Coalition positions.

a. Organizational Structure

Full Coalition must decide on anything that concerns Coalition structure, such as:

- Legal status
- Financial Policies
- Coordinating Committee elections and structure

b. Prioritizing Issues

Full Coalition will engage in clarifying which issues will be the Coalition's focus, and which issues have higher priority for the Coalition.

NOTE: Examples of some current issues:

- *Healthcare & Reproductive Rights*
- *Environment/Climate Change*
- *Immigrant Rights*
- *Non-Discrimination*
- *Voting Rights*
- *Economic Justice*
- *Education*

c. Coalition Positions

- Full Coalition may develop and approve positions on particular issues.
- Committees may draft proposed positions and bring to full Coalition for approval.

d. Guidelines for Appropriate Action

- The full Coalition will approve guidelines for appropriate action.
- As Coalition members, in order to move public opinion:
- We want to engage in nonviolent activism and protests, keeping in mind the principles of non-violent leaders such as Gandhi and Martin Luther King.
- We want to be able to confront power in ways that effectively attract positive recognition.
- *(NOTE: Example: Is picketing at Katko's house OK?)*

e. Guidelines for Action Alignment

- Committees will contact the Coordinating Committee with their planned actions, and coordinate with other committees whose interests overlap. The Coordinating committee will help avoid time conflicts and two committees taking on same or opposite actions.

- *NOTE: Example: Issue Committees and Legislative Committees may need to closely coordinate actions.*
- Each Committee is empowered to plan and implement actions within its issue area.