

Addenda #11 – October 2025, Update June 2026

Re: A Clear and Present Danger, Threat #1 – Progressive Democrat Marxism

Summary

Squad 2.0: Meet America's next wave of radical Democrats shaping the party's future

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In Addenda #11, I identified the Democrat parties newest wave of candidates that have enthusiastically vowed to carry on the revolutionary struggle begun by the first wave of progressive Marxist policies known as the *Squad*. The original Squad members were elected to Congress in 2018, as a referendum on President Trumps first year in office. More radical politicians were elected in 2020 and 2022. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Pressley, Rashida Tlaib, Jamaal Bowman, Cori Bush, Greg Casar, Summer Lee and Delia Ramirez fought the Trump administration on every part of its agenda for the remainder of his term and helped implement Joe Bidens progressive policies after he was elected in 2020. Although voters sent Bowman and Bush packing in 2024, there were plenty of others waiting to take their places. ¹

A few updates on Squad 2.0 members from Addenda #11...

Jasmine Crockett announced her intention to run against incumbent Senator John Cornyn in November, effectively giving up her seat in the House of Representatives. Things didn't work out the way Crockett planned and she lost to Texas Rep. James Talarico in the March Democrat primary, by more than 6% of the vote. Crockett announced plans to start her own progressive PAC called *FIRE: Fuel Individual Rights Everywhere*, to fund more progressive Democrat politicians in future elections.

Tennessee House Rep. Aftyn Behn entered a special election held for the 7th Congressional District in December 2025, to replace two term House Rep. Mark Green who left Congress to pursue a business opportunity. Behn lost to Republican Matt Van Epps by almost 9% and announced she would not run for Congress in 2026 but remain in the Tennessee legislature.

Katherine "Kat" Abughazaleh a candidate for Illinois 9th Congressional District, was defeated in the Democrat primary by fellow progressive Democrat and former Illinois State Representative and Senator Daniel Bliss on March 17.

Omar Fateh lost his bid to become Mayor of Minneapolis to Jacob Frey in November 2025, receiving just 47% of the vote. Fateh, was the subject of a State Senate ethics investigation in 2022 and received campaign donations from the *nonprofit Feeding Our Future*, which stole \$250 million from a program that was supposed to feed children in need. ²

New York Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani assumed office as Mayor of New York City in January, after defeating former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo in November 2025. Mamdani is now struggling to implement his Socialist/Marxist agenda in the Big Apple. ³

Former Squad member Cory Bush announced she would run in November to win back the Missouri House seat she lost in the 2024 Democrat primary to Wesley Bell. Bell just wasn't getting the job done, according to Bush. (he wasn't pro-Palestine enough for Cory...)

The Squad is growing

It's time to usher in a new generation of diverse, progressive, working-class Democrats with a bold vision to transform our economy and democracy.

Justice Democrats

<https://justicedemocrats.com/>

Justice Democrats is a progressive political action committee (PAC), founded in January 2017, in response to the (first) election of Donald Trump, with the purpose to support progressive candidates in local, state and federal elections. They've spent more than \$17 million supporting extreme progressive candidates running against Republican or moderate Democrats in elections since their inception. Candidates endorsed by this group must promise not to accept any corporate or PAC donations other than from Justice Democrats. Candidates must also support the groups policy platform, including supporting the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, and other proposals aligned to the left of the mainstream Democratic Party.^{4,5} These are the candidates that Justice Democrats is funding during the 2026 election cycle. I call them the newcomers of Squad 2.2

1. Mai Vang is a candidate for California's 7th congressional district, having finished second in the open primary on June 2, 2026.* Vang served on the Sacramento City United School District Board from 2016 to 2020, where she was instrumental in making "Ethnic Studies" a high school *requirement* and passing the "Safe Haven" resolution, which "safeguarded" students regardless of their immigration status, sexual orientation or gender identity. Vang also protested the presence of police officers, tasked with protecting students from school shootings, on school grounds.⁺ Vang was "first Asian-American woman and first person of Hmong descent" (identity politics) elected to the Sacramento City Council in 2020. She voted to reallocate \$6 million from the Sacramento Police Department, already operating at half-staffing and budget cuts, to the homeless behavioral health department.⁶

⁺ According to the K-12 School Shooting Database, California has had 277 school shooting incidents since 1970, resulting in 325 victims wounded and 98 victims killed.

2. Saikat Chakrabarti was a candidate for California's 11th congressional district to replace the retiring Nancy Pelosi. Chakrabarti co-founded Justice Democrats and served as campaign manager and chief of staff for Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. It was Chakrabarti who said to reporters in 2019, "The interesting thing about the Green New Deal, is it wasn't originally a climate thing at all.... Do you guys think of it as a climate thing?" Because we really think of it as a how-do-you-change-the-entire-economy thing."⁷ His 'Saikat for SF' campaign website promised to cut energy costs by "nationalizing" utility companies and putting the federal government in control of the energy industry. Chakrabarti dropped out of the race after receiving just 13% of the vote in the primary on June 2nd.⁷

3. Angela Gonzales-Torres is a candidate for California's 34th congressional district having finished second in the open primary on June 2, 2026. Her campaign website biography describes her as a lifelong Angelino, daughter of an illegal immigrant deportee, community organizer and an advocate for equity and justice. Gomez is endorsed by Squad member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, so Gonzales-Torres must be even further left than Gomez is.⁸

* Note: California does not have individual party primaries but has one “open primary” for state legislative and constitutional offices and U.S. congressional offices. All candidates for these “voter-nominated” offices are listed on one ballot and only the top two vote-getters in the primary election – regardless of party preference - move on to the general election.

4. Melat Kiros is the Democrat candidate for Colorado’s 1st congressional district after unseating 15-term incumbent Diana DeGette in the Democrat primary on June 30th. Daughter of Ethiopian immigrants, Kiros was fired from her position as a corporate lawyer after criticizing a 2023 open letter from more than 200 law firms, urging law school deans to crack down on antisemitism on their campuses. A self-proclaimed “democratic socialist”, Kiros believes *government* is responsible for meeting peoples “basic needs.” ^{9, 10}

5. Junaid Ahmed was a candidate for Illinois 8th congressional district. (Ahmed finished 2nd with 26.9% of the vote in the Democrat primary on March 17th) Ahmed, whose parents emigrated to Chicago from India, received a bachelor's degree in computer science and a master's in business administration from colleges here in the U.S. and went on to start a technology firm that employs more than 20 people in Illinois. “Our communities deserve real leadership that fights for families, not billionaires,” Ahmed said during his campaign... I find it ironic that someone who benefitted so much from moving from India to the U.S. ¹¹ became so hellbent on destroying the same system by pushing progressive Socialist policies. Note: After its independence in 1947, its new democracy was dominated by socialist, planned-economy policies that failed for nearly seventy years to achieve the levels of growth its people desperately needed to rise out of poverty. ¹²

6. Donavan McKinney is a candidate for Michigan’s 13th congressional district. The current Michigan House Rep. said “I’m running for Congress because I believe we deserve champions in Washington who aren’t scared to dream — and fight for — a vision big enough (more government money) to match the scale of our crises. ¹³ The *Freedom Index*, which rates members of Congress and state legislators based on their adherence to the U.S. Constitution and America’s founding principles, gives McKinney a Freedom Score of 0 (out of 100), citing his voting record on seventeen state House bills that violate individuals Constitutional rights. ¹⁴ McKinney faces off against incumbent Democrat Rep. Shri Thanedar on August 4th.

7. Nida Allam, was a two-time candidate for North Carolina’s 4th congressional district. (Allam was narrowly defeated in the 2026 Democrat primary by incumbent Rep. Valerie Foushee on March 3rd) Promoted as being the first Muslim woman (identity politics) elected to public office in North Carolina, Allam has served on the Durham County Board of Commissioners since December 2020. ¹⁵

8. Dr. Adam Hamawy is the Democratic nominee for New Jersey's 12th congressional district, receiving 28.6% of the vote (publicized as a “landslide victory”) and beating out a dozen other Democrats in the primary on June 2nd. Hamawy, who claims ICE is “terrorizing communities and murdering American citizens in broad daylight,” is a plastic surgeon, Army veteran, and small business owner whose campaign slogan is “Healthcare, Not Bombs.” “Dr. Hamawy will be a strong progressive voice in the House and, as a physician,

he understands our healthcare system is broken, and we need Medicare for All,” posted Democrat Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders in congratulations on his primary win. ¹⁵

9. Claire Valdez is the Democratic nominee for New York's 7th House congressional district, receiving 56% of the vote in the June 23rd Democrat primary. Valdez is a dual citizen of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Nation (identity politics) and the United States, a union organizer and member of the Democratic Socialists of America, who has represented New York's 37th Assembly district since 2025 when she vowed to build “an inclusive and more progressive New York.” The *Freedom Index* gives Valdez a Freedom Score of 14, citing her voting record on five out of six state Assembly bills that violate individuals Constitutional rights. During a March 10 candidate forum, Valdez “emphatically” rejected the support from any political action committee. Since then, Valdez has quietly accepted as much as \$1 million from a new superPAC, bankrolled by pro-Palestinian donors. Valdez is sure to win the November election in this Democrat controlled NY City district. ^{17, 18, 19}

10. Darializa Avila Chevalier is the Democratic nominee for New York's 13th House congressional district, defeating seven term incumbent Adriano Espaillat by receiving 49.4% of the vote in the June 23rd Democrat primary. Chevalier, a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, born and raised in Florida by Haitian immigrant parents describes herself as an “Afro-Latina” (identity politics), who converted to Islam. While receiving her bachelor’s degree in Middle Eastern Studies at progressive Columbia University, Chevalier was an organizer involved with ‘Students for Justice in Palestine’ and the racial advocacy group Mobilized African Diaspora.’ After her graduation, Chevalier was an organizer with ‘Black Youth Project 100’ which advocates against mass incarceration and “over-policing,” and the pro-illegal immigration/anti-deportation organization ‘Families for Freedom.’ ²⁰ Chevalier is sure to win the November election in this Democrat controlled NY City district.

11. Chris Rabb is the Democratic nominee for Pennsylvania’s “deep blue” 3rd congressional district to replace retiring Democrat Rep. Dwight Evans, after winning 44% of the vote in the Democrat primary on May 19th. Rabb, the most progressive candidate in the race, is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America and a “proud troublemaker” who was endorsed by current left-wing Squad members during his primary candidacy. The *Freedom Index* gives Rabb a Freedom Score of 4, citing his voting record on twenty-three state House bills that violate individuals Constitutional rights. Rabb wants to bring his anti-Israel sentiment to Congress, where he plans “restore checks and balances on kingly presidents and renew the constitutional authority of Congress.” ^{21, 22}

12. Justin J. Pearson is a candidate for Tennessee’s 9th congressional district. Pearson has represented the 86th district in the Tennessee House of Representatives since 2023, despite being expelled briefly for his actions during a March 2023 protest for gun control reform at the state capitol, which he described as the crucifixion of Christ. Pearson has referred to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as a “domestic terrorist organization” and “a tool of white supremacy.” The *Freedom Index* gives Rabb a Freedom Score of 7, citing his voting record on fifteen state House bills that violate individuals Constitutional rights. Pearson faces off against three other candidates in the Democrat primary on August 6th. ^{23, 24}

13. Rev. Fredrick Douglass Haynes III is the Democratic nominee for Texas 30th congressional district, after winning 72.6% of the vote in the March 3rd primary. Haynes announced his decision to succeed State Rep. Jasmine Crockett after she announced her intention to run for Senate, receiving her endorsement. Haynes whose election is all but assured, said he sees his candidacy as a continuation of “the tone” Crockett set in the U.S. House of Representatives the past two years. “Jasmine showed us to clap back at injustice, clap back at racism, white supremacy, toxic masculinity... this election is our time rolling to clap back against injustice and clap back against the land of political violence and lying from a pathological liar.”

Note: The *Freedom Index* gives Jasmine Crockett a Freedom Score of 7, citing her voting record on three House bills that violate individuals Constitutional rights. [25](#), [26](#), [27](#)

All candidates endorsed by Justice Democrats are single, double or triple minorities: sex, race, immigrant status or their parents are immigrants. Several of the candidates are of Palestine ancestry and many of them are pro-Palestine, anti-Israel. All candidates show similar campaign platforms on their websites including supporting the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, Tuition Free College, canceling student loan debt, end funding for school choice programs, Universal Pre-K and Child Care, higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations, raising federal and local minimum wages, union organizing rights, “codifying” abortion rights by Congressional law, more anti-discrimination laws for LGBTQ+ Americans, more access to gender-affirming care, prosecute, de-fund and abolish ICE and passing comprehensive immigration reform with a “pathway to citizenship,” aka “amnesty.”

These are the Democrat candidates of today. They are no longer moderate, no longer willing to “work across the aisle” to get things done. Today’s Democrat candidates are progressives who target moderate Democrats in the primaries because *they* are not progressive enough, not antisemitic enough, not “big government control” enough. Although not endorsed by Justice Democrats, there are several other radical progressive Democrat candidates running this election cycle who also fit the same profile.

14. Abdul El-Sayed is a Democratic candidate for the one open U.S. Senate seat in Michigan and currently leads in polling over his two opponents. El-Sayed’s campaign website shows he champions the same socialist policies as Justice Democrats and the DSA. El-Sayed also has a history of antisemitic, anti-White social media posts, and has claimed numerous times about his career as a practicing physician even though investigations have shown he has no history of being a practicing physician. El-Sayed faces off against two other opponents in the August 4th Democratic primary.

15. James Talarico is the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate seat in Texas, after beating far-left Progressive candidate Jasmine Crockett in the March Democratic primary. Although his campaign has gone to great lengths to portray Talarico, a current Texas state Representative as a moderate, middle-class, devout Christian candidate, his past positions on issues and social media posts show otherwise. Talarico uses the bible to defend abortion (huh?) is very much pro-LGBTQ+, opposed a bill to ban men from women’s sports,

supports gender affirming care for young adolescents and stated in 2021 that God is “non-binary.” Talarico famously stated “Modern science obviously recognizes that there are many more than two biological sexes; in fact, there are six,” in a House hearing.

16. Janeese Lewis George is the Democratic nominee for mayor of Washington D.C. after receiving 54% of the vote in the June 16 primary to succeed embattled three term Mayor Muriel Bowser, who announced she would not run for reelection. A member of the Democratic Socialists of America, George promised voters a similar unlimited socialist agenda if elected. “People are tired of hearing what government can’t do. They want to hear what government can do.” George will become the next mayor of the nations Capital, which hasn’t elected a Republican Mayor since 1961.

17. Nithya Raman is a candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles, finishing in second place in Californias open primary on June 2nd. The urban planner, community activist and current city councilmember will face off against incumbent mayor Karen Bass, who faces intense criticism over her leadership and crisis management during the Palisades fire, the city’s homelessness problem and billion dollar budget deficit.

18. Katie Wilson was elected mayor of Seattle, Washington in November 2025, defeating incumbent Bruce Harrell by 9.5 points. The 43-year old community activist and self-proclaimed democratic socialist, who although married, was still financially supported by her New York parents before becoming mayor. As executive director of the Transit Riders Union, Wilson pushed the idea of the JumpStart Tax, an annual payroll expense tax imposed on large employers (ie. Amazon, Boeing, Microsoft and Starbucks) which became law in 2020. Since that time, downtown Seattle has lost 30,000 jobs, a third of the city’s office space is vacant and the value of downtown office buildings has been reduced by a third. As mayor, Wilson is now pushing a new 9.9% tax on income over \$1 million. When questioned during a Seattle University event about the affects her millionaires tax would have on city revenues and employment, Wilson replied, “I think the claims that millionaires are gonna leave our state are super overblown. If the ones that leave, ‘bye,” she said with a sarcastic wave of her hand.

19. Graham Platner is the Democratic nominee for the Maine U.S. Senate seat held the past 28 years by Susan Collins. Platner is another progressive who claims he wants to take back government from “the billionaire class that owns her [Collins] and all of Washington. His campaign promises mirror those of the Justice Democrats platform, but Platner did not receive an endorsement by that group, because he is not a minority or have an immigrant family background: Platner is a white, working class man, the opposite of Justice Democrats endorsed candidates that identify with oppressed or victimized groups.²⁷ While Platner appears to be another progressive Democrat to be held up by the left as an example of what the new Democrat Party is supposed to look like, he has a dark side that should cause Democrats to vilify him, cancel him and remove him from Senate consideration. Platner has a history of making offensive posts on social media, including disparaging black people as being lousy tippers, downplaying sexual assault in the military and seeming to place the blame on the women for getting themselves into that situation to begin with.²⁹ Platner has called all cops “bastards” and rural White Americans “racist and stupid.”³⁰

A woman who met Platner on Tinder had a romantic affair with him in 2021, while he was engaged to another woman. That engagement ended and Platner got engaged to his current wife Amy Gertner. Platner was forced to admit that he began ‘sexting’ other women shortly after he married Gertner in 2023. ^{31, 32}

Platner has a tattoo on his chest, closely resembling the “Totenkopf,” a symbol used by Hitler’s SS squads during World War II. Platner claims he thought it was a “terrifying skull and crossbones” and never would have gotten it if he knew what it represented. But Lindsey Fife, a woman Platner dated several years ago, told reporters he would call it “my Totenkopf” and joked to her about it being a Nazi tattoo. Fife claimed Platner told her he and other Marines in the unit he served in while in Croatia in 2007 got the tattoo because “it looked cool.” Platner’s former political advisor Genevieve McDonald stated, “Maybe he didn’t know it when he got it, but he got it years ago and he should have had it covered up because he knows damn well what it means.” ^{33, 34}

Like I said before, Democrats should have vilified Platner, canceled him and removed him from Senate consideration. After all, isn’t the Democrat party platform all about gun control and banning automatic and semi-automatic weapons? Isn’t the Democrat party the party that championed the #metoo movement and coined the phrase “believe women”?

What was their response to all of these allegations?

“I’m sure he’s not a saint. He went through some very bloody and horrible situation. He has acknowledged that he came back with PTSD. He’s had his share of problems” said Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. Platner continued to receive public support from high profile Democrats like Sanders, and Senators Elizabeth Warren and Chuck Schumer. This is the same Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Chuck Schumer who called for a further investigation of Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice, after Christine Blasey Ford accused him of sexual assault. ³⁵ Veteran Democratic strategist James Carville said, “Democrats need to realize the US is in imminent peril... Maybe we need a combat veteran right on that Senate floor who is f---ed up.”

The Democrat party conveniently ignores and/or excuses the indiscretions of their own candidates as long as a successful result in the election in November will help them take back control of the House and Senate. They need to get on with the important business their base demands of them. Fulfilling the progressive Democrat platform and impeaching Donald Trump once and for all. Nothing else matters.

The Democratic Socialists of America, was founded in 1982 and had a relatively small following until Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders ran for president in 2016, energizing new generations of young adults. There has been an enormous increase in party membership since then and dozens of new chapters sprang up across the country, increasing membership from about 5,000 to just shy of 30,000 following the election of Donald Trump as president in 2017. (From Trump’s 2015 announcement he was running for president to the day after he was elected, 3,000 new members joined the DSA) After Donald Trump was elected a second time in 2024 and Zohran Mamdani was elected Mayor of New York City in 2025,

membership has surged to over 100,000 members.³⁶ The median age of DSA members dropped from 68 in 2013 to 33 in 2017 and has surely lowered since then.

This resurgence in the DSA has resulted in its candidates being elected to local and state positions across the country. As of 2025, more than 250 DSA members hold public office across the country, with concentrations of DSA members now in control in Chicago, Portland, Seattle, Minneapolis and Los Angeles.³⁷ After the 2026 November elections, four of the nation's largest cities: New York City, Seattle, Los Angeles and Washington DC, may all be controlled by democratic socialists.

In New York State, eight Democratic Socialists of America candidates won primary races for New York State Senate and Assembly seats. Senate nominee Aber Kawas (Queens District 12), and Assembly nominees Samantha Kattan (Queens D-37), David Orkin (Queens D-39) Christian Celeste Tate (Brooklyn D-54), Eon Huntley (Brooklyn D-56) Illapa Sairitupac (Manhattan D-65) and Adam Bojak (Buffalo D-149) all won their races by double digits. Maurice Brown (Central Onondaga County D-129) beat 14-term incumbent William Magnarelli by fewer than 100 votes.

Hundreds of other progressive politicians that are not DSA members hold public office across the country and thousands of others that hold the same political views dictate policy in corporate boardrooms, courtrooms and school boards. Polls show that younger voters in America are now supporting socialist policies and candidates. A September 2025 national survey by Rasmussen Reports and StoppingSocialism.com found that 53% of “Likely U.S. Voters” ages 18 to 39 would like to see a democratic socialist candidate win the 2028 presidential election.³⁸

In *The Communist Manifesto*, Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels sought a revolution of the oppressed working class, to overthrow the owner/ruling class and remake society. *Proletarian collectivism*, ownership and control of the means of production by the working class, was the ultimate goal of the Marxist revolution. Communism/Socialism/Marxism was temporarily suppressed here in the United States, but this movement has a long-term strategy to implement their revolution and eventually gain control and remake our society into the vision Marx and Engels laid out almost 180-years ago. Today's Progressive Democrat Marxists carry on the work of Marx and Engels, replacing the oppressed class struggle with an oppressed race and gender revolution. Progressive candidates now identify by their race, sex, nationality, immigration related status or the first *fill in the blank* minority to be elected.

The results of the Rasmussen survey and the increasing wave of these democratic socialist (Marxist) candidates shows that America is losing the battle against identity politics and Marxism.

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