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# Proposal to Endorse and finalize one of the POU drafts made

## Person or group submitting

- POU Committee

## Proposal History

- Submission Date: 11/6/26
- Vote date:
- Vote result:

## Motivation (why are you proposing this?)

- Point of Unity are important to organization cohesion. As guiding principals they can inform decisions we make around things like programming and safety and level of involvement in certain struggles.

## Proposal summary

- below are 5 drafts. pick one so that final edits can be made and at the next spokes council meeting we can submit a single draft for approval.

# Details

## Background info

We have now been Ridgewood Commons for over a year and this is a chance to help distil what we are about and what binds us together apart from simply sharing space.

## Group(s) this proposal will affect

everyone who attends RC

## Labor required

read the drafts and think about which one is most suitable. consider as well, what does RC mean to you? What could it mean as we continue to build it up?

## Individual or group doing labor

more or less everyone

## Money required

like 0 dollars and 0 cents

# Point of Unity Drafts

RC Points of Unity Draft Document

**version 1**

Ridgewood Commons is a welcoming material hub for mutual aid in Ridgewood, Queens where individuals are invited to "do it together" by taking physical care of the space and learning, practicing, and expanding the best methods of internal and external communication. Ridgewood Commons provides materials, physical space, and community, as well as connections to other like-minded organization that invite exploration of imaginative possiblities beyond capitalism.

**version 2**

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**version 3**

Ridgewood Commons is a welcoming volunteer-run hub for community events and mutual aid in Ridgewood, Queens. Ridgewood Commons provides physical space, community, and connections to other like-minded organizations that invite exploration of imaginative possiblities beyond capitalism.

**version 4**

**Invitationality –** We are a welcoming space. We feel that anyone can do this welcoming, which is active rather than passive. We don’t wait for newcomers to come and introduce themselves, but rather we offer to answer questions or offer them a seat beside us. We want to create a space that

reflects the diversity of our neighborhood and our species, and we do so by making people feel like they're allowed to come in, observe, and participate.

**Leaderfulness –** We are all coming from different backgrounds, and this includes different levels of social skills and confidence. Sometimes we are coming different cultural backgrounds. Ridgewood Commons is a space in which we can all learn and grow and overcome our gaps in understanding to learn how to connect better with one another. There is nothing you can't learn, nothing we can't teach, and you alone can decide where you want to grow into. We, as a space, cannot grow without more and more hands holding it up.

**Autonomy –** Working groups and admin committees are the foundational elements of this space. It is more than container full of individuals, though it is that too. Each of us is free to act and change our surroundings, but hope to do so with an understanding of how that affects everyone else around us, since we share the space and almost everything in it. We seek to find ways to be both accommodating and forgiving as well as to be free to do what we need to do in order to accomplish our goals.

**Consent and Consensus –** Many kinds of relationships will seed in a place such as this, and mutual respect and safety must be prioritized for every person to flourish. We refuse to reproduce the same forms of domination that we have come into this space to find refuge from. We seek to relate in ways that do not reproduce the white supremacist imperialist capitalist cishetero-patriarchy from the most abstract institutional level to the most intimate interpersonal level. We recognize that each of us is unlearning the conditioning from the world we were born into, but we do not recognize it as an excuse for stagnation or harm.

**Solidarity –** We are more than just what is inside our walls. Struggle is everywhere, and stewardship of physical space in NYC, in a gentrifying neighborhood, is a privilege. We seek to facilitate the struggle to liberate all beings and therefore seek to lend space to those struggles, groups, and organizations who need space to further the cause of liberation.

**Preparing for the Future –** By practicing the art of cooperation and collaboration through spokes councils, general assemblies, and accompliceships with other organizations and neighbors, we hope to be prepared for a future in which the people around us are the only infrastructure left to rely on. We have always had the capability to self govern, but we have lost the skill. We have always known how to care for each other, but we have lost the vision. Stewardship of the commons is a way of re-humaning ourselves in the ways that we most need to survive the ongoing disaster that capitalism has imposed upon us.

**version 5**

Mutual Abundance -

Material hub for redistribution - shared space - access to tools