

## **NSP FACEBOOK RULES AND GUIDELINES**

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NSP moderators review all posts before they are shared in our FB group. Here are some of the main guidelines. See below for more detail.

- Posts must be relevant to our mission.
- Must have introductory text explaining why it's being shared.
- All news articles and all videos must come from a legitimate news source or someone we know personally.
- No personal endorsements from individuals unless you are an active member. NSP does not endorse candidates for office.
- No publicity from paid campaign people.
- No links to disinformation sources like Fox News.
- No fundraiser posts unless from active member or about a candidate the group is actively supporting.
- Memes, jokes, or cartoons may only be posted as comments under a monthly meme post each month on the 15th.

The Facebook Posting Guidelines are subject to and incorporated in the North Seattle Progressives Community Agreement (CA).

### **NSP ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES**

North Seattle Progressives (NSP) is a grassroots community-based, all-volunteer organization. We support political policies that promote tolerance, equity, civil liberties, health justice, a healthy environment and climate, and social and economic justice for all. We believe in the ability of an educated and informed electorate to make sound decisions democratically. We oppose unjust political policies based on exclusion, bigotry, inequality, hate, lies, and fear. We oppose all racist, sexist, fascist, and totalitarian policies in our society. We recognize that white supremacy is toxic to our community and we stand against individuals and groups that tolerate or promote white supremacy. We promote progressive values within our community and at all levels of government.

The bedrock of NSP is our hands-on, boots-on-the-ground activism. We put our principles into action to support policies that promote participatory democracy and social and environmental justice. We work to learn from and support marginalized individuals and communities, and amplify their voices.

In addition, we work to identify and repair damage caused by racism, nationalism, religious intolerance, economic injustice, and economic disparities, in order to create a more perfect union and a democratic government of, by, and for the people.

## **BACKGROUND**

We have a diverse group of members. We expect to agree on some issues and disagree on others. We desire respectful and productive discourse while keeping in mind our aversion to any kind of censorship.

These principles guide how we moderate our Facebook page. If you have any comments or questions regarding these rules or how we apply them, please email them to:

[moderators@NorthSeattleProgressives.org](mailto:moderators@NorthSeattleProgressives.org).

When posting and commenting, bear in mind that our governing [Community Agreement](#) prohibits demeaning and harassing speech, stalking, and doxing, and does not permit signaling for others to engage in that behavior (this is considered to be bullying and piling on).

The choice to block or remove someone is NEVER taken lightly and will ALWAYS be made by the FB moderating team as a group, not by a single moderator or admin.

We expect civility between everyone who participates in our online discourse.

North Seattle Progressives is dedicated to activism in order to preserve democracy. Within our group, members have a variety of projects and opinions. Refrain from tearing down the objectives of your fellow NSP members. This specifically applies to your preferred candidates.

Types of posts may include, but are not limited to:

- A. Calls to activism** Examples of this are invites to get-out-the vote canvassing, to rallies and marches, to advocacy activities.
- B. Informational Posts and Learning opportunities** in the form of articles, news, events, opinion pieces, videos, in-person events.
- C. Discussion topics**
- D. Your recent activism, and North Seattle Progressives events/accomplishments**

## **FACEBOOK POSTING AND COMMENTING GUIDELINES:**

- 1) Posts to this group shall be relevant to the mission of North Seattle Progressives.
- 2) When posting a link, introduce it with a statement about why you are sharing it with NSP.
- 3) All news articles and all videos must come from a legitimate news source or someone we know personally.
- 4) No personal endorsements from individuals unless you are an active member. NSP does not endorse candidates for office.
- 5) No publicity from paid campaign people.
- 6) No links to disinformation sources like Fox News.
- 7) No fundraiser posts unless from an active member or about a candidate we are actively supporting.
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- 9) Consider the points and opinions of others.
- 10) Acknowledge points of agreement or validity before expressing disagreement or disapproval.
- 11) If you are advocating for a specific candidate(s), do so by explaining what issues and qualities you believe make them your first choice. Present positive, factual information about why you support someone/an issue.
  - a. In general, there's no need to talk about why you don't support other candidates but if there is something specific that you believe disqualifies them, frame it in terms of facts about issues you disagree with them on, lack of experience or other observable, relevant facts. Do not perpetuate irrelevant or non-factual points.
  - b. Keep comments on topic and relevant to the candidate or issue in the original post.
- 12) Do not engage in name calling, personal attacks, or bullying behavior. Do not denigrate other members, organizations, or other candidates for office who may not hold views or opinions in agreement with yours.
- 13) Do not share screenshots or information from this Facebook page with non-members. This is a private group and there is an expectation of privacy. Violation of the group's privacy through sharing of screenshots or other information will be grounds for immediate removal.
- 14) Tag moderators in posts you find objectionable or report them.
- 15) Members not complying with these guidelines will receive 2 warnings before being subject to being blocked from posting to the group.

Group members are encouraged to share their views and are expected to build community (CA Section B3). We share our views with mutual respect (CA section B7) and without tone policing (CA section B8). We come to the table with different skills and opinions. A mutual learning process can only happen when we lift up one another and model positive behavior. We are members of this group because social activism unites us in common purpose.