FAM'S NATIONAL ORGANIZING AGENDA:

The NATIONAL FREEDOM MOVEMENT

As organizers build infrastructure and capacity to confront issues on the local and state level, we must also continue the work towards creating a National Freedom Movement Coalition to help unite us nationally and even internationally, to push our Inside-led Human Rights Movement forward.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
The National Freedom Movement has a pyramidal structure composed of a Central Committee, an Inside Task Force and an Outside Task Force.

I.

The Central Committee will be tasked with creating a National Governing Body consisting of appx. six to nine leaders from the inside and three to four leaders from the outside, who will collaborate to create a national agenda for all Inside-led operatives to implement.

STEP 1. Create a Steering Committee to develop a process for creating a National Governing Body. The Steering Committee members would be tasked with (creating a process for) identifying candidates to fill a nine to 13-member National Governing Body. Once the nominees are in, an election or other process would be held to select a National Governing Body and other officers.

STEP 2. Establish the agenda, dates, etc. around core direct-action principles of work strikes, boycotting, protests, and use of social media. Within these documents would be an outline of the specific actions, functions, purposes and duties for everyone associated with the National Freedom Movement.

a) National policies coordinated by the National Governing Body to include:

- Establishing a national agenda and plan of action for all 2.3 million people serving time in a US jail, prison or detention facility to address the following:
  
  (i) Criminal Justice  
  (ii) Probation and Parole  
  (iii) Prison Slave Labor  
  (iv) Prison conditions  
  (v) Sentencing (Death penalty, LWOP, enhancements, etc)  
  (vi) Rehabilitation and Treatment  
  (vii) Human Rights Violations/Slavery  
  (viii) Crime Bill, Prison Litigation Reform Act, and other onerous laws
- Coordinating political educational classes and creating educational materials to be distributed nationally, hosting awareness campaigns, rallies, Town Halls, panel discussions and webinars, artistic displays, plays, etc.

- Build our own media infrastructure.

- Developing and drafting legislation and building voting blocks centered around our national policies and agendas.

II. Inside Task Force

Ideally, the National Governing Body would identify and organize activists, organizers etc. in each state to create an Inside Task Force. The Inside Task Force would then organize and function collectively pursuant to a Freedom Charter issued by the NGB. For example, the incarcerated men and women in Michigan would establish their Free Michigan Movement (FMM) charter, which would serve as an umbrella org. for all factions operating inside MDOC.

The Inside Task Force’s duties would include:

- Identifying issues and drafting documents that outline issues needing to be addressed on the State level
- Organizing and carrying our Initiatives, Action Items and other Movement activities in conjunction with nationally coordinated activities and direct-actions as established by the National Governing Body

III.

Outside Task Force

The Inside Task Force would work to identify and designate any outside organization operating in their state that is committed to supporting the directives being issued from the inside-based Charter. For example, in Michigan, the designated outside-support orgs. would operate as the Free Michigan Movement Outside-Support Coalition.
This outside-support organization will then serve as a statewide resource and emergency contact for the Inside-led FMM org, and be responsible for supporting, planning, coordinating and carrying out FMM-led action items and directives.

The Designated Outside-Support Org’s duties would include

- Establishing an official contact number and address for inside members.
- Establish office space to facilitate Inside contact and organizing
- Establish an information distribution network
- Establish Emergency Response protocols
- Closely coordinated with other NFM Outside Support Orgs. across the country
- Create social media and other platforms to communicate with family members and others around prison-relates issues
- Actively recruit and develop contacts with volunteers, lawyers, students, civic and religious leaders, journalist and others to support the NFM agenda and stateside operations

IV. NFM Direct-Action Methods

The network and infrastructure created by the National Freedom Movement would work collectively to organize and carry out the following direct-action campaigns:
• Taking any and all direct-actions to economically boycott and financially withdraw from the prison system on a national scale in support of our demand for freedom and humane treatment, to include:

• Nationwide work strikes/shutdowns of all prison labor, including community-based work camps and work release facilities

• Nationwide boycotts in the mold of the 2018 Campaign to Redistribute the Pain (canteen, incentive packages, collect phone calls, visitation vending machines), coordinated outside protests, noise demonstrations, phone zaps, email and letter writing, campaigns, marches, etc

• Nationwide protests at prisons, DOC headquarters, Parole Boards, Prison Profiteers locations, Governor’s Mansions, State Capitol, Commissioner’s residences, and other high-profile locations

• Nationwide hunger strikes

• Nationwide social media events, including "Twitter-storms", panel discussions, exposè video of inside conditions, innocence and wrongful conviction short-documentaries, panel discussions, etc.

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