



*Kasama is a communist project that seeks to reconceive and regroup for a profound revolutionary transformation of society. We are open to learning, unafraid to admit our own uncertainties. At the same time, we will not shrink from what we do know: the solutions cannot be found within an imperialist world order or the choices it provides. We are for revolution. We seek to find the forms of organization and action for the people most dispossessed by this system to free themselves and all humanity.*

To take this road, we need a fearless, open-eyed debate, discussion and engagement. We need fresh analyses of the rapid changes shaping the world around us. We need to sum up a century of revolutionary strategies and attempts, victories and defeats – instead of the conventional wisdom and facile verdicts that paralyze our movements. We need to re-imagine a radical politics that can take life among people and move mountains. We need a movement that can listen, as well as speak.

***Kasama – walk the revolutionary road with us.***

Seattle Kasama Collectivity:  
The Red Spark Collective

*"We call ourselves the Red Spark Collective, in short, because we're out to spark revolutionary thought, revolutionary ferment, and revolutionary organization in a way that hasn't been done in our generation."*

*"We're out to help spark a movement that can really win."*

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## DARE TO WIN

### Defend Your Occupation

-If Kilpatrick, the cops, or any of the powers that be try to drive us off: Walk out the next day. Gather in front of the Atrium at noon.

-Join the Campus General Assembly. Be a part of making decisions for the movement. Help make it the real student's government.

-Get with the Occupy Seattle club at SCCC.

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Over the last days, the Occupy Together movement has been under assault nationally – after secret phone conferences of mayors encouraged by the White House. Attacks have hit Portland, Oakland and Denver – and then most pointed of all – the police attack on Zuccotti Park by Wall Street itself. The authorities of the U.S., spearheaded by liberal Democrats, want to end the Occupy movement – even while they (with shameful doublethink) claim to “support” many of its themes and “support” our “right to protest.”

It is in this context and this climate that Kilpatrick, the president of Seattle Central Community College, says he wants us gone. And he's looking for any way he can to justify it. And we've experienced what it's like when a politician has decided that we've overstayed our welcome.

We've had cops pry our rain-soaked fingers off tents at Westlake, arrest people for opening umbrellas or sitting on blankets. We've been maced for having the bare audacity to stand up to JPMorgan Chase and its CEO. We've seen people go sleepless nights, we've seen people weep.

Across the U.S. tens of thousands have risen to the defense of occupations where they are coming under attack one by one from New York, Boston, Oakland, Berkeley, Portland. How will we respond together in Seattle? We've seen some of the most selfless acts imaginable. All because people realize something...

*This movement is the most important thing any of us have ever been a part of.*

The 1% realizes this too. This is why they are seeking to stop us, to cut us short before we get going. Not just here, but almost everywhere there is a major occupation. The 1% has said that we've had enough of our movement, it's time to come back to their politics, their rule. And they are doing this in the clearest way they can: By trying to decisively crush us.

Our occupations are, simply put, a challenge. They challenge the all the old politics, all the old forms of ownership, and all the self-interest-as-usual.

For decades we've known nothing but a world where almost everything is owned by a tiny global minority. The avalanching poverty. The brutal subordination and literal buying and selling of women. The massive machine of empire rolling over peoples and nations, and the ruin afterward, and the stench.

We grew up "knowing" nothing else was imaginable, that this was, for all its faults, "the best of all possible worlds." But our occupations are proving just the opposite. The present world is impossible, we are saying. Another world is gestating right before your eyes. Recognize it! Help it grow!

Suddenly the possibilities are limitless. Everything is up for debate. The world is on the agenda.

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The political representatives of the 1%, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, always say to us that our problem is that we don't raise concrete demands. That there are too many possibilities opened up by our movement. They want to turn our occupations into a negotiation tool within their corrupt politics and mind games.

This is echoed by some within our movement too, but for different reasons. They say that the only way that we can win the support of people is by focusing on what affects them personally. To win the majority, we must adopt the terminology of the democratic party: "tax the rich," "no budget cuts."

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For our whole lives we could do nothing but beg for such scraps, "give us a bit of your wealth" and "move around the funding." But, because of our movement, the 1% are already forced to make these concessions in the next election. They are terrified. And rightly so. So why not push our power?

People have been inspired by and have defended our occupation because of what it is. A break in normalcy. A rupture of possibility. It means power for the people. It means that the parabolic arc of constant, compounding profit can fall and in its ruins will bloom a global vintage of truth, justice, fierce and uncompromising loyalty to the idea, the goal, that we are equal and should live together as such.

Ballots and bullets cannot debate what we know. Our world is possible. The old world is not.

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Seattle Central Community College is facing rising tuition, job loss, education that gets worse and worse. When people rise up against these things, we stand with you! It really matters. But our movement's vision and goals have to be much bigger than that.

Our movement is shocking, radical, powerful, earth shaking precisely because it doesn't approach this or that local reform, doesn't seek to be a pressure group on politics-as-usual. These occupations are so damn spectacular because their starting point is the whole world. Our vision is, and should be, doing away with those politics, abolishing that parasitic system which is the very reason why we need our occupations in the first place!

It's not yet time to settle on overall program or goals for our movement. But when we do, we should conceive of them as ones which legitimize ourselves and delegitimize the 1%, their representatives, the government and economy they manage. They have proven utterly illegitimate. They've been unable to solve this cri-

sis; they've been unable to stop all the brutality suffered by women, immigrants, the worldwide lower class. They can't even meet the basic needs of people in this country, the richest on the planet.

The most important thing that could come out of our movement is the realization that they have no right to rule, but the people do.

***We are calling on you. Yes, you. Lock arms with us. Raise your voice. Stand with the people's occupation.***

***Protect the people's occupation. Join the people's occupation.***

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***The Red Spark Collective***

*We live in a world that begs for radicalism – for daring acts from the people and, most fundamentally, revolutionary change. We live in a time where almost every corner of the world is mired in poverty and war, where humanity is held down or held back in countless ways. Because of this people rebel, and sometimes act to forcibly overthrow their conditions.*

*But in the U.S. we are faced with a glaring absence of any real revolutionary alternatives. There is no organization on the left with the ability to mount a serious challenge to empire. We find ourselves at an impasse, where many revolutionaries and their organizations are stuck in either activist reformism or isolated dogmatism.*

*The Red Spark Collective hopes to contribute to filling this void; to fight for a new, revolutionary road - one that can actually connect with the people.*

*We are revolutionaries, we are communists, and we aren't settling for anything less than the freedom and liberation of people everywhere.*

*Let's work together! We need to go back to the last 100 years of radical revolution and learn from past ideas: Whether communist, anarchist, socialist or just plain revolutionary. We need to study new trends and thinking that come from the people. We envision a process that embraces open discussion among ourselves and others, critical investigation, and comradely debate.*

*We are out to be a collective that is unapologetically revolutionary as well as open-minded and humble.*

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