

Building Community Collective

Proposal to join the Omni Commons as a member collective.

- 1) We are a collective of activists/organizers/community members who participated in a lot of direct action, and direct action organizing. We came together with the shared goal of building alliances all over the Bay Area, we realized that the best way to build these alliances is to center the things we love. Centering our actions around building community that is constantly decolonizing, working against ways we are conditioned, building robust alternatives, and constantly enforcing love ethics that value human beings and their right to autonomy. Our goal is to build this model, practice it amongst one another, constantly teach each other, and grow radical community until we are all sharing these same values and principals. We use events to engage attendees in radical politics. This is how we imagine changing the world, and we'd like to bring that to Omni Commons!
- 2) We started working together around 2020, we formed our group in 2021. Please check this list of successful events we've put on!

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- 3) We are a horizontally structured collective. We try to have meetings every week, or we just keep everybody updated on a Signal thread. We are comprised of several organizers, who are part of other orgs. Our collective has the creator of Meals on One Wheels, 4 Daly City, Guerilla Gardening Collective, and RadicalReads. We use consensus to make decisions, and if everyone is not present, we trust that we can come to a representative decision. Additionally, we take decisions to our Signal thread for all folks in the collective, to have a last say. We respect boundaries, anybody can check out when they need to. We are approximately 27 members strong, and since the last protest we organized, we've gotten approximately 6 new requests to join the collective!
- 4) Joining the Omni would give us access to resources! As a primarily BIPOC lead group with most of us being from the Bay Area, we have connections to communities that really need to know about Omni. Omni Commons is a very radical space, organizing out of Omni Commons or being able to have meetings. Events in the Omni would really

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help us to show people what is possible if they join us in this initiative to build community and help create this reality! We think that what Omni needs more than anything is MORE PEOPLE, Omni is beautiful, and just needs more folks to understand how incredible it is and why it needs to be fought for. People cannot understand this until they are radicalized enough to see the potential. We can achieve these things, we've already done it, it just takes showing people what is possible, and we believe we can build that culture that Omni desperately needs to continue to thrive.

- 5) Presently, we do not need any real space! We do not want to take away space from other collectives that might have a need for in person meetings!
- 6) We would like to have access to shared spaces like the Ballroom. We can create very radical and well attended events with the purpose of building radical community! We have some ideas for how we can do this using the Ballroom, Disco room, Basement and just the sidewalks outside and around the Omni Commons.
- 7) We will not need to modify the building!
- 8) We'd like to pay via events that we attract and organize. We already have some radical, QT/BIPOC centered, events that we are planning. We have communicated with people who were previously unaware of the Omni. This outreach takes labor and time and is something that is lacking in the Omni. As a mostly BIPOC, volunteer collective, we don't make consistent money as most of our events are free, so a sliding scale would be ideal for us. We can enter an arrangement where we try to put on an event every month and split the proceeds towards Omni Commons. The share we take will be for our important organizing outside of Omni.

We are so excited about the Omni Commons; we already have comrades who are hoping to build this alliance and add to all the good that the Omni already has!

If you have questions, please contact the Building Community Collective via email:
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