How Pasadena Tenant Organizers Helped Win a Historic Rent Control Law
What Are We Here For?

• To create Tenant Solidarity
• To fight against exploitation from Landlords and Property Management Companies
• To demand housing as a human right
• To demand living wages
• To build Tenant Power
How did we get here?

• Economic system of Capitalism that sees housing as a commodity, not as a right for everyone.

• In response to the 2008-2009 economic crash, the US Congress provided a $700 Billion bailout, the primarily went to Wall Street, to large Banks, to Insurers and to the Auto Industry.

• Currently in the US, there are 7.4 million families that live in poverty.

• If Congress had bailed out the 7.4 million families living in poverty, each of those families would have received $94,594.00

• In addition, the 2008-2009 economic crash saw the rise of corporate housing owners, like Blackrock, which is worth $120 Billion
Housing Authority of Asheville (HACA)
1. HACA must pay immediate restitution to the displaced family in the amount the family desires.
2. City of Asheville and Buncombe County must immediately forgive back or overdue rent for those living in public housing and cease threatening residents with evictions.
3. City of Asheville must forgive all unpaid or overdue water bills, including interest, for all residential customers.
4. Buncombe County Sheriff’s Department must declare an indefinite moratorium on eviction enforcement; no one should be evicted during a pandemic—or ever.
5. City of Asheville and Buncombe County must make camping legal on city and county property, provide 24/7 access to clean public restrooms where facilities exist, continue offering regular trash and recycling disposal, and add permanent sharps disposal containers to all public park infrastructure.

WHAT THE F**K ARE WE GONNA DO ABOUT HOUSING?!

A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR AFFECTED FOLKS TO COME TOGETHER, TALK, AND PLAN ACTION

Have you been displaced from your housing?
Is your landlord selling out from under you?
Are you worried about eviction or have you been evicted?
Are you navigating houselessness?
Do you want to act in solidarity with folks experiencing these struggles?

please join us.
Sunday, Aug. 29th, 5pm
near the pavilion @ Carrier Park
“Childcare is available at this event”
“Call 828.515.4431 for support with transportation or any other questions”

Hosted by: Asheville Solidarity Network and Asheville Survival Program

HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT!!
In Michigan, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **$1,126**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **$3,752** monthly or **$45,025** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of: **$21.65**

**FACTS ABOUT MICHIGAN:**

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| Number of Full-Time Jobs At Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR) | 86 |
| Number of Full-Time Jobs At Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR) | 68 |

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MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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- Meijer family wealth increased from $15 Billion to $16.5 Billion in one year.
- With $1.5 billion, it would cover 1 year of rent costs for 83,333 families.
- $1.5 billion could build 6000 homes at a cost of $250,000 each.
Lyon Square Project - $12 Million

New homes for 48 families
Or
Rent vouchers For 1 year for 500 families
How Oakland Tenants Forced Their Landlord to Turn Over the Keys

- Created Oakland Community Land Trust
- Used City bond funds to purchase apartment complex
- Decommodified the housing that was purchased under the Land Trust.
- Tenants can continue to rent at no increased cost or they can purchase apartments with the Land Trust
- These action are a counternarrative to how cities have been dealing with housing issues, which are centered on investments and attracting tourists
Non-Profit Housing Industrial Complex

FamilyPromise of West Michigan

GUIDING LIGHT RECOVERY REIMAGINED

Dwellingplace

iccf COMMUNITY HOMES

Mel Trotter MINISTRIES

Housing Kent

GRAND RAPIDS AREA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION

HOUSING NEXT
When Tenants are Organized they have Tenant Power!

Help us Fight for Tenant Rights!

Please Call immediately:
Orchard Place Apartments Property Manager
Cheryl 616-365-3213
Parent Company
Hispanic Housing Development Corporation
Linda 773-720-7165

Demands are listed in the narrative above.

Contact the Property Manager
To demand that repairs be done
For the resident at
4040 Woodland Creek Dr SE Apt 102
Call 616-957-9000
E-mail wca@ampresidential.com