



UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD DEFENSE MOVEMENT

THE NEW ECONOMIC DEPRESSION AND THE HOUSING STRUGGLE



We are almost a year into the New Economic Depression, which is forcing more and more people out of work, leaving millions threatened with eviction. Any solution to the intensifying housing issues that stem from this depression will never be solved by the state. Landlords are taking advantage of tenants during the New Depression, lining their pockets with so-called "tenant relief funds."

The politicians and landlords love these reforms, especially the CDC's eviction moratorium. This reform is designed to squash the capacity to revolt against a system that fundamentally does not serve them. Landlords, politicians, and police knew that there would be widespread outrage if 30 million tenants lost their homes, so they are biding their time.

One landlord association's lawsuit prompted the CDC and the US Department of Justice to clarify in a

so, the Trump administration also clarified that landlords "are not required to make their tenants aware" that such an eviction ban exists. This is not protection. This is a disguised attack to avert tenants' struggles and a way for landlords to secretly evict.

Gentrification plans are still underway, and the failure to pay rent is the perfect reason to displace tenants from working-class neighborhoods. The fight to stay in one's home is a fight against gentrification and displacement and an act of resistance against the ruling class.

Conditions across the US vary considerably. The objective conditions of the Rust Belt region, such as in states like West Virginia or Ohio, are vastly different than in California. Nearly 60% of renters in West Virginia will face eviction when the moratorium ends versus only 22% of tenants facing eviction in California.

public pronouncement late Friday that landlords nationwide are free to start the eviction process while the national moratorium is active. In doing

However, landlords on the West Coast are still emboldened to carry out illegal evictions against working-class tenants, even with a moratorium in place.

There is a universal struggle against economic crisis, eviction, and gentrification. UNDM advocates for centralized and unified organizing as a general strategy nationwide.

The struggle for safe, dignified, and affordable housing is vitally important. The struggle cannot be limited to just one neighborhood, city, or state. We must all link together to defend our homes. We must initiate struggle across the country to take on the forces that oppress us all!

The United Neighborhood Defense Movement calls on tenants, activists, and organizations across the country to organize their communities in preparation for the end of the CDC's eviction moratorium on January 1st. In this collective fight, we will be holding a January 1st Day of Action Against Evictions.

United, we will expose the role of politicians, courts, capitalists, and parasitic landlords!

If you are interested in joining, contact us at undm@protonmail.com.

Read the full article on UNDM.org!

Turn and check out the work from our chapters nationwide!

ELECTION

RECAP

This past month, UNDM members have been agitating across the country against deceitful ballot measures and corrupt politicians that push gentrification and displacement in our communities. Politicians claim they care about the people, but we know that they care much more about their potential wealth than their false promises!

Take politicians like Daniel Lavelle, for example, who is an owner of a real-estate company in Pittsburgh that is instrumental in the gentrification of the Hill District. Furthermore, ballot measures like Prop A in Austin use the guise of improved transportation to prime the city for gentrification. We know that they do not fight for us; they fight for those who evict and displace us. That is why we must organize our neighbors and unite nationwide to defend our homes through eviction defense! Throughout this election season, UNDM has asserted that "No Election Will Defend Our Homes, It is Up to Us to Organize and Fight!"



CONCERT IN LA

People from all over the city came out on October 13th to join the Los Angeles Chapter of UNDM in a small concert featuring live Norteño music at Hollenbeck Park located in the working-class neighborhood Boyle Heights. UNDM members and guests spoke to each other about the housing struggle, especially the evictions, while kids drew and colored pro-housing-struggle drawings. Activists invited people in the park to the concert and spoke to them about getting involved in defending each other from evictions and landlord repression.

This is a principle that UNDM upholds: we must organize together. Our chapters should reflect the community we are defending and serving. Every eviction thwarted is a victory for the working class. When tenants are united, we can accomplish anything!



Fight Landlord Harrassment!



Comic submission from supporter in LA

Tenants at an Affordable Housing Senior residence in Pittsburgh's Hill District have had their complaints of slum conditions and accessibility issues ignored for years. "Tenants ... became collective ... with the support of [the UNDM]," says Charlene. When tenants united, they achieved several important demands.

Hill District is a historically Black neighborhood targeted with displacement for decades. "Over 70% of the properties in the Hill are vacant and then we have a housing shortage," Charlene explained. "Gentrification is systematic... to the city, the state, and government," says Annie.

Annie explains the role of affordable housing in the ruling class's control of the working class, saying, "They know where you are, so they know how to control you." We must fight to organize our neighborhoods to address our needs ourselves!

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