
HOMES FOR ALL ST. LOUIS

Organizing Tenant Power for
Housing Justice

What is Homes for All?

- Homes for All is a campaign started in 2013 by the Right to the City Alliance, a national organization comprised of housing and land justice organizations throughout the nation
- Homes for All St. Louis was inaugurated in July of 2018 after discussion amongst Dutchtown South Community Corporation constituents and various left-wing political organization zeroed in on housing as a primary concern in the St. Louis area



Above- members of Homes for All South at their inaugural convening, October 2017

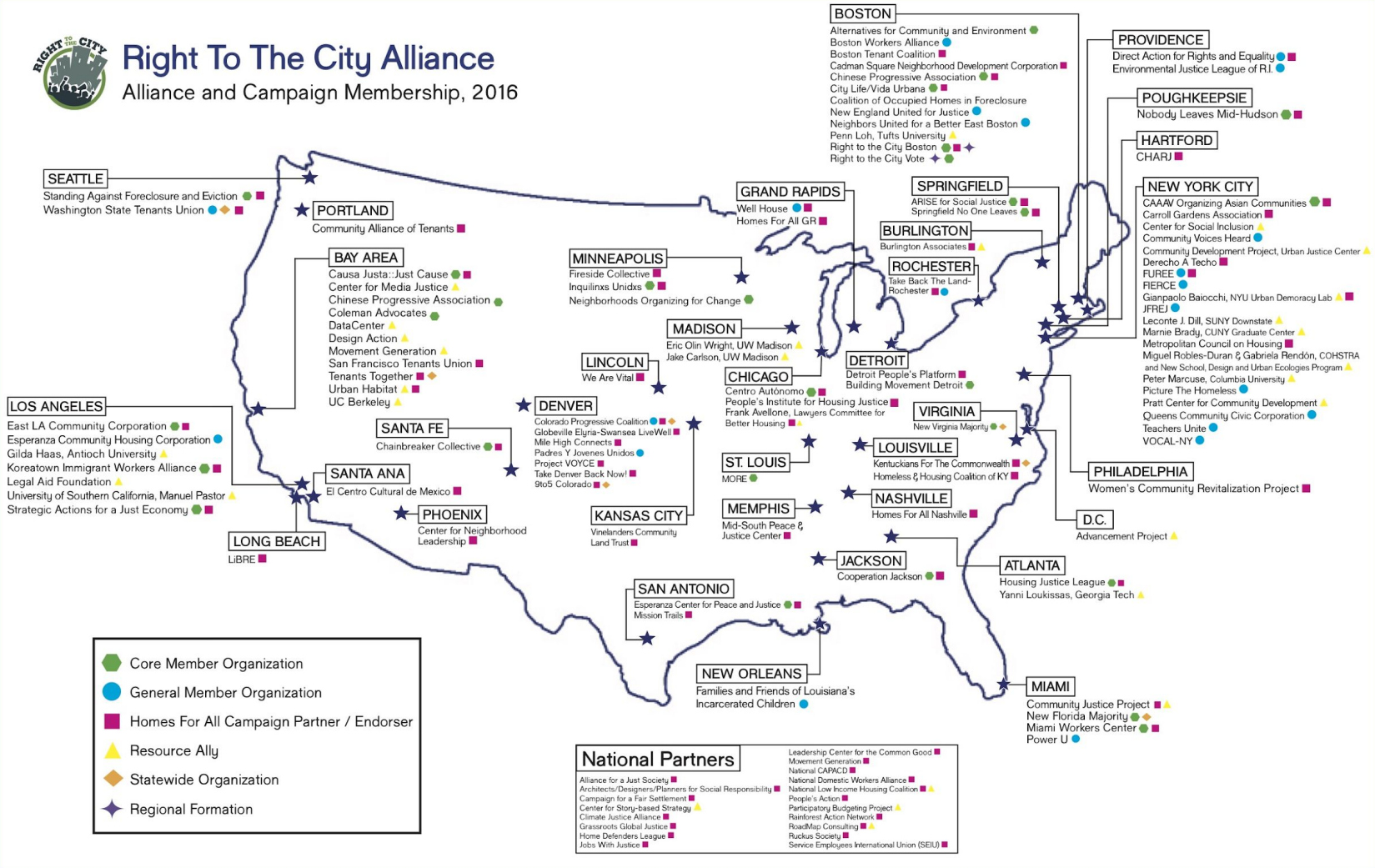


Left- housing and land justice organizations at the Right to the City and Neighborhood Funders Group at the Atlanta Convening, July 2018



Right To The City Alliance

Alliance and Campaign Membership, 2016



SEATTLE

Standing Against Foreclosure and Eviction
Washington State Tenants Union

PORTLAND

Community Alliance of Tenants

BAY AREA

Causa Justa: Just Cause
Center for Media Justice
Chinese Progressive Association
Coleman Advocates
DataCenter
Design Action
Movement Generation
San Francisco Tenants Union
Tenants Together
Urban Habitat
UC Berkeley

LOS ANGELES

East LA Community Corporation
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
Gilda Haas, Antioch University
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance
Legal Aid Foundation
University of Southern California, Manuel Pastor
Strategic Actions for a Just Economy

SANTA FE

Chainbreaker Collective

SANTA ANA

El Centro Cultural de Mexico

PHOENIX

Center for Neighborhood Leadership

LONG BEACH

LiBRE

MINNEAPOLIS

Fireside Collective
Inquilinx Unidks
Neighborhoods Organizing for Change

MADISON

Eric Olin Wright, UW Madison
Jake Carlson, UW Madison
We Are Vital

LINCOLN

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DENVER

Colorado Progressive Coalition
Globeville Eljira-Swansea LiveWell
Mile High Connects
Padres Y Jovenes Unidos
Project VOYCE
Take Denver Back Now!
9to5 Colorado

KANSAS CITY

Vineyarders Community Land Trust

SAN ANTONIO

Esperanza Center for Peace and Justice
Mission Trails

NEW ORLEANS

Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children

GRAND RAPIDS

Well House
Homes For All GR

CHICAGO

Centro Aut6nomo
People's Institute for Housing Justice
Frank Avellone, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing

ST. LOUIS

MORE

MEMPHIS

Mid-South Peace & Justice Center

BOSTON

Alternatives for Community and Environment
Boston Workers Alliance
Boston Tenant Coalition
Cadman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation
Chinese Progressive Association
City Life/Vida Urbana
Coalition of Occupied Homes in Foreclosure
New England United for Justice
Neighbors United for a Better East Boston
Penn Loh, Tufts University
Right to the City Boston
Right to the City Vote

SPRINGFIELD

ARISE for Social Justice
Springfield No One Leaves

BURLINGTON

Burlington Associates

ROCHESTER

Take Back The Land-Rochester

DETROIT

Detroit People's Platform
Building Movement Detroit

VIRGINIA

New Virginia Majority

LOUISVILLE

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth
Homeless & Housing Coalition of KY

NASHVILLE

Homes For All Nashville

JACKSON

Cooperation Jackson

ATLANTA

Housing Justice League
Yanni Loukissas, Georgia Tech

PROVIDENCE

Direct Action for Rights and Equality
Environmental Justice League of R.I.

POUGHKEEPSIE

Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson

HARTFORD

CHARJ

NEW YORK CITY

CAAAW Organizing Asian Communities
Carroll Gardens Association
Center for Social Inclusion
Community Voices Heard
Community Development Project, Urban Justice Center
Derecho A Techu
FUREE
HERCE
Gianpaolo Baiocchi, NYU Urban Democracy Lab
JFREJ
Leconte J. Dill, SUNY Downstate
Marnie Brady, CUNY Graduate Center
Metropolitan Council on Housing
Miguel Robles-Duran & Gabriela Rend6n, COHSTRA and New School, Design and Urban Ecologies Program
Peter Marcuse, Columbia University
Picture The Homeless
Pratt Center for Community Development
Queens Community Civic Corporation
Teachers Unite
VOCAL-NY

PHILADELPHIA

Women's Community Revitalization Project

D.C.

Advancement Project

MIAMI

Community Justice Project
New Florida Majority
Miami Workers Center
Power U

National Partners

Alliance for a Just Society
Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility
Campaign for a Fair Settlement
Center for Story-based Strategy
Climate Justice Alliance
Grassroots Global Justice
Home Defenders League
Jobs With Justice
Leadership Center for the Common Good
Movement Generation
National CAPACD
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Low Income Housing Coalition
People's Action
Participatory Budgeting Project
Rainforest Action Network
RoadMap Consulting
Ruckus Society
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

- Core Member Organization
- General Member Organization
- Homes For All Campaign Partner / Endorser
- Resource Ally
- Statewide Organization
- Regional Formation

Organizing Principles

- The guiding and foundational principle underscoring all Homes for All organizing is that “**the most impacted people must lead**”
- This is to ensure that the perspectives of those who are most impacted by issues of housing injustice are not lost in attempts to address it, so that these most impacted peoples will be the primary participants in the fight for their rights as human beings and the improvement of their material interests
- To this end, the **tenant union** is the central organization of any Homes for All coalition, as it is through tenant unions that residents most impacted by housing injustice can marshal their collective power for the betterment of their conditions, and the conditions of impacted residents at large

Homes for All Coalition Organizations

- Homes for All coalitions are comprised of **member** and **ally** organizations. **Member** organizations have voting power in HFA coalitions, while **ally** organizations do not.
 - Member organizations are grassroots/base organizations, meaning that the rank and file of these groups are in charge of actions of their groups
 - Example: Tenant unions, autonomous political organizations, etc.
 - Ally organizations are organizations that do not have the same grassroots/base orientation of the member groups, but provide invaluable assistance to the coalition, such as legal aid and resource acquisition
 - Example: non-profit organizations, legal service organizations, community corporations, etc.

Goals

- In the short term, we of Homes for All St. Louis seek to help organize and found tenant unions throughout the city and county, particularly in areas where we have already begun to work with residents for housing justice (Dutchtown, South City generally, Chesterfield, Ferguson)
 - We will also advocate for better enforcement of current laws and inspection criteria in low income housing
- In the long term, we seek to shape housing legislation that will center the needs of tenants and residents, as well as build autonomous organizations to exercise residents' power
 - Attach Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs) to future real estate development in the St. Louis area
 - Found a Community Land Trust
 - Implement rent control in the city and county, then in the state