



"And the people don't never get justice
And the women don't never get respected
And the problems don't never get solved
And the jobs don' never pay enough
So the rent always be late
Can you relate?
We living in a police state."
-Dead Prez

DC Residents Speak Out: Why We Need to Cancel Rents!

The graphic has a black background. At the top, the text 'WHY #CANCELRENT?' is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, a quote in white text reads: "We need the rent to be canceled because after this pandemic the eviction pandemic will soon follow and we don't need that. It's not peoples fault that the coronavirus happened and they can't work to provide a roof over their heads so we shouldn't penalize them for that." Below the quote, the name '- Shakeara Mingo, Ward 8 resident' is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom, there are two stylized illustrations of people. On the left, a person in a blue top holds a yellow sign that says 'CANCEL RENT'. On the right, a person in a blue top holds a yellow sign that says 'NO NEW DEBT'. At the very bottom, the URL 'ONEDCONLINE.ORG/CANCELRENT' is written in a bold, orange font.

WHY #CANCELRENT?

"Because Wall Street, all companies, have been bailed out. It's time for people to be bailed out. If the half the city gets evicted, that will be the biggest problem our city will face. It's time for people over property to be a reality. Landlords need to be part of this conversation."



- Kymone Freeman, Ward 8 resident



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WHY #CANCELRENT?

"My landlord started calling me and demanding rent, but I don't have any money. I have to buy medicine, tea and food for myself because I have COVID-19. I can't leave to make money or go to work. I am a single mother and there are 6 people in my household. I'm having trouble paying bills."



- Ana, Ward 7 resident



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WHY #CANCELRENT?

"Why are people paying rent to landlords for property they don't even own?... I want to see a turning away from an industrial kind of capitalism. I think we need to build a new economy where people can not do unnecessary work and instead thinking that human productivity and human labor could be put towards social good, like the public works program."

- Antarah Crawley, Ward 8 resident



The economic and health burden of this crisis are falling disproportionately on working class communities of color that were already squeezed by low wages and rapidly rising rents. The current efforts are not enough! On Thursday, May 28, ONE DC members took to phone, email, and social media to testify and put pressure on our councilmembers in a coordinated day of action calling for relief to people who need it now: cancel rent and mortgage payments!

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Renter Nation Training Series

MAY 15 - Power To The People: Organizing 101

MAY 22 - The Politics of Housing: Past and Present Struggles and Victories

MAY 29 - Why Do We Pay Rent? Land and Housing under Capitalism

JUNE 5 - The Great Land Robbery: Land and Housing under Racial Capitalism

JUNE 12 - Power of the Renter Nation - How to Build a Tenant Union Part 1

JUNE 19 - We Shall Not Be Moved - How to Build a Tenant Union Part 2

Register: <https://homesforall.me/renternation>

#CancelRent

#CancelMortgages

#HomesForAll



Cancel the Rents Car Caravan // Justice for George Floyd // Justice For Breonna Taylor Speak-out!

**CANCEL THE RENTS!
JUSTICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD!**

May 30 at noon
4850 Colorado Ave NW
Washington, D.C.

**STOP THE WAR ON
BLACK AMERICA!**
CancelTheRents.org

Caravan Final Stop
MPD 1st District
101 M St NW
2 PM

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If driving in the car caravan, meet at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre Parking Lot, 4850 Colorado Ave NW.

Meet at MPD First District at 101 M St NW at 2:00 PM for the community speak-out.

In light of the murder of George Floyd and the string of other killings including Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dreasjon "Sean" Reed and others we are encouraging everyone to bring signs against racist police and vigilante violence to the protests to Cancel the Rents. Of course the right to housing is inextricably linked with racism and police violence. When people are evicted it is the police who can throw them out. The racist redlining of neighborhoods was enforced by

police. People of color are disproportionately affected by substandard-housing conditions and evictions. When fighting for justice our struggles become stronger when linked together.

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WATCH: Community Capital In The Time of COVID-19

With funding for federal, state, and local loan and grant programs maxing out, it is more important than ever that we utilize a multitude of creative strategies to harness the financial capital of our communities towards self determined outcomes. In this Solidarity Chicago session, you will learn historical and contemporary examples of how our communities have employed rotating savings and credit associations, peer-to-peer lending, and other creative methods of harnessing capital.

Through this series, Solidarity Chicago will both explore strategies to navigate this collective experience of change and loss while also setting the stage for a new economic paradigm centering the needs of marginalized people, Black and brown communities, and the sustainability of Mother Earth. Originally broadcast on May 20, 2020.

[WATCH HERE](#)

[Check it out: 10 Resources on Black Liberation & Economic Democracy](#)

The Census is Fast, Easy and Important!



Please take a few minutes to help your family and community. Every ten years, since 1790, the Census Bureau counts every adult and child living in the country to collect basic information, including: age, sex, and race. The answers to the Census help determine where billions of dollars in federal money is spent. Your schools, your health care, your transportation, your representation, and your housing are ALL affected by YOUR response to the Census.

[FILL OUT THE CENSUS TODAY](#)

ONE Bit of Good News - Save the Date for Juneteenth in DC 2020!

We are moving our annual Juneteenth in DC Festival Virtual! Save the date for the evening of Friday, June 19 for a special livestream event featuring local go-go artists and a celebration of Black LIFE! Together we struggle, together we win!



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