RTC PRINCIPLES FOR LEGISLATION

RTC must be a right: not a program, not increased funding, a RIGHT in the law.

RTC Attorneys should work for non-profit orgs with deep housing experience.

RTC means full legal representation, period.

RTC should be comprehensive, covering the cost of social workers, paralegal and the full scope of eviction defense work, including affirmative litigation.

RTC should be evaluated in a way where tenants have input, oversight and power.

RTC must be universal--ALL Tenants, regardless of the type of housing they live in, how much they make, the type of court case, or their defenses--ALL TENANTS FACING EVICTION SHOULD HAVE RTC.
RTC ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES

Organizing around implementation is CRITICAL.

RTC Is about shifting power for the long term--it's not ultimately about getting everyone attorneys. Our work should be rooted in that analysis.

Tenants + Organizing Groups should drive the strategy of the RTC campaigns

Organizing Groups and Legal Services Groups need to be accountable to each other, in service of the larger movement. This work is CONSTANT.

RTC Campaigns must be run in a way that builds the power of the tenant movement and sets us up for the next win

RTC can and should set the groundwork to challenge the nature of evictions and housing as a commodity. This work should be rooted in a belief that housing is a right and evictions are violence.

Organizing and training of the RTC attorneys must be a focus of the movement.