

A Fight for our Home



NEIGHBORS
COMING TOGETHER
TO CREATE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

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**We are *Communities Uniting for Health & Justice (CUHJ)*,
an alliance of five organizations in San Francisco's District
11. We joined forces in 2008 to develop grassroots
leadership and create long lasting change through
organizing for affordable housing, economic justice, youth
empowerment, and immigrant rights. Contact us at
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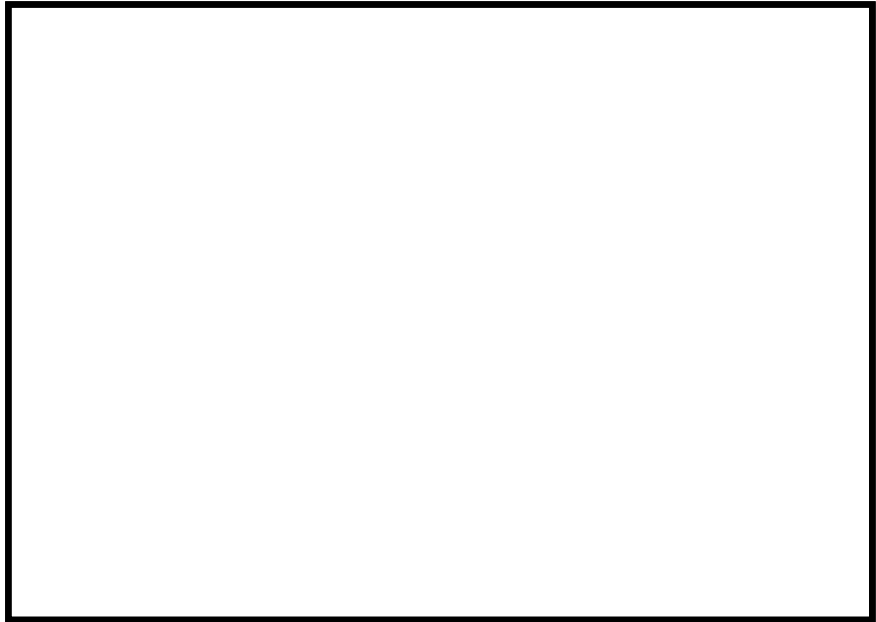
**We are kids and families.
We are elders and immigrants.
We are workers and tenants.
We are youth. Together, we are
building a united voice. We want
a fighting chance to live in the
city that we love. We are coming
together to organize!**



WE SPEAK FOR OURSELVES!

What does being “united” mean to you? What is an example where you felt that people around you were united?

Draw it!



Write it!

UNITED: **STANDING TOGETHER AND NOT BACKING DOWN.**

ORGANIZING: **WORKING TOGETHER WITH OTHERS TO BUILD POWER, CREATE SOLUTIONS, AND WIN REAL CHANGES TO THE PROBLEMS WE FACE.**

Hi, my name is Faye. Too often, decisions about our lives are made by power-hungry politicians, big corporations, and real estate developers that care more about profits than community. We believe that no one knows better what a community needs than the community itself. We speak for ourselves!



WE SPEAK FOR OURSELVES!

What does it mean to speak for yourself? Think of a time you spoke up for yourself. How did it make you feel?

Draw it!

Write it!

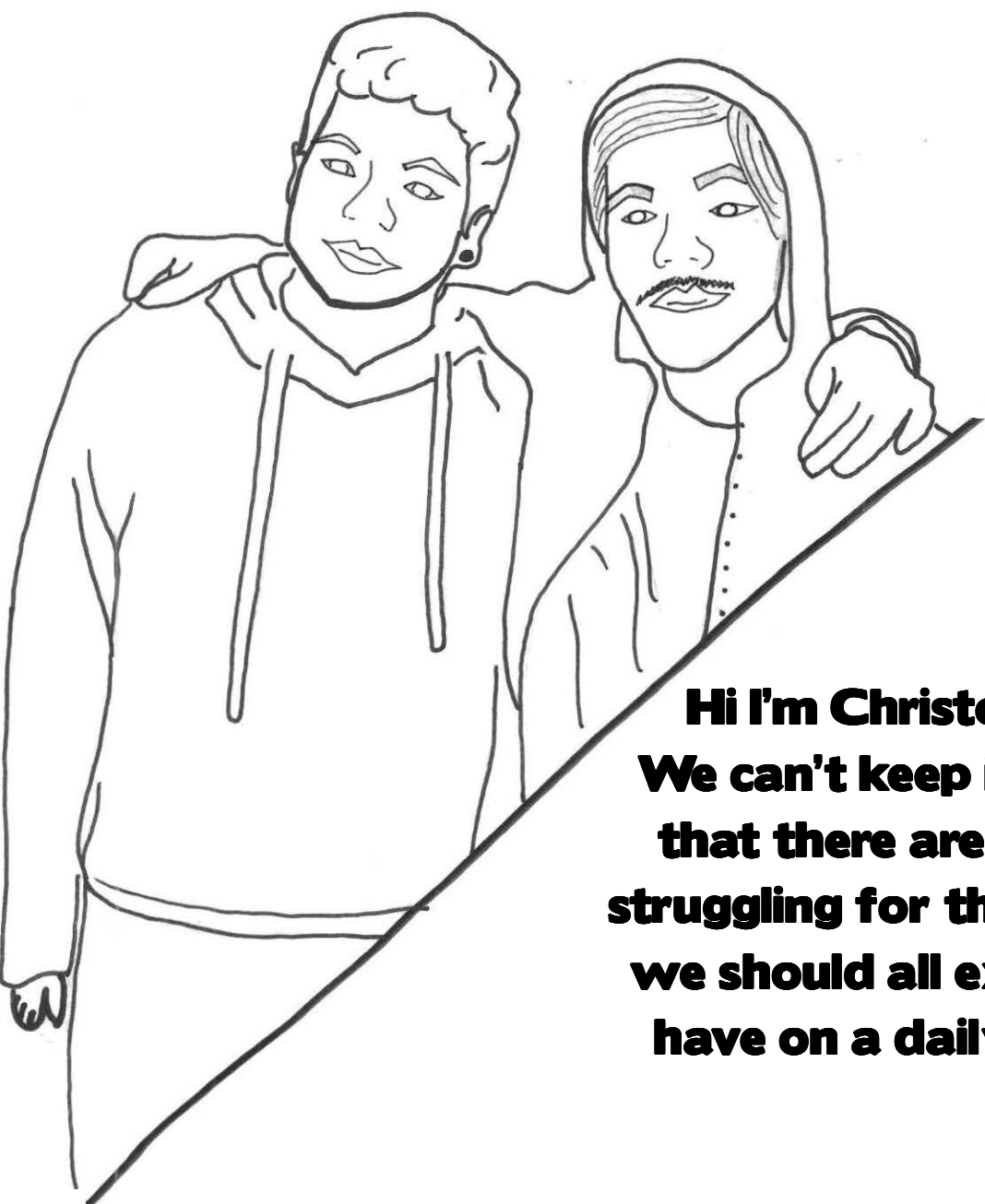
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My name is Ary. I've been living here my whole life. I've wondered why our area has not been improved. I want improvement in our city but I don't want our culture to leave. The culture here always reminds me who I am and where I come from.



My name is Malaya. I look around and ask myself what do we need to do as a community to stop high income apartments from kicking out low income families? It's sad that our culture is being stripped from our neighborhoods.



Hi I'm Christopher. We can't keep ignoring that there are people struggling for things that we should all expect to have on a daily basis.

WE SPEAK FOR OURSELVES!

What do you need to survive? How does money affect the way you live? Does your family struggle to pay for all your family's needs?

Draw it!

Write it!

COMMUNITY:

A SENSE OF BELONGING WITH PEOPLE, PLACES, AND BELIEFS AROUND US.

IDENTITY:

THE LAYERS THAT MAKE YOU WHO YOU ARE.



My name is Shine. We pushed for development that meets real people's needs. We knocked on hundreds of doors in Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese, and English to learn from our neighbors. Our community said we need 100% affordable housing to keep our neighbors here and childcare services for our kids. So we organized and we won! Truly affordable housing and childcare will soon become a reality on public land at the Balboa BART Station.

TRADITIONS:

THE VALUES AND RITUALS FROM OUR CULTURES AND HOME COUNTRIES THAT WE PRACTICE TOGETHER.

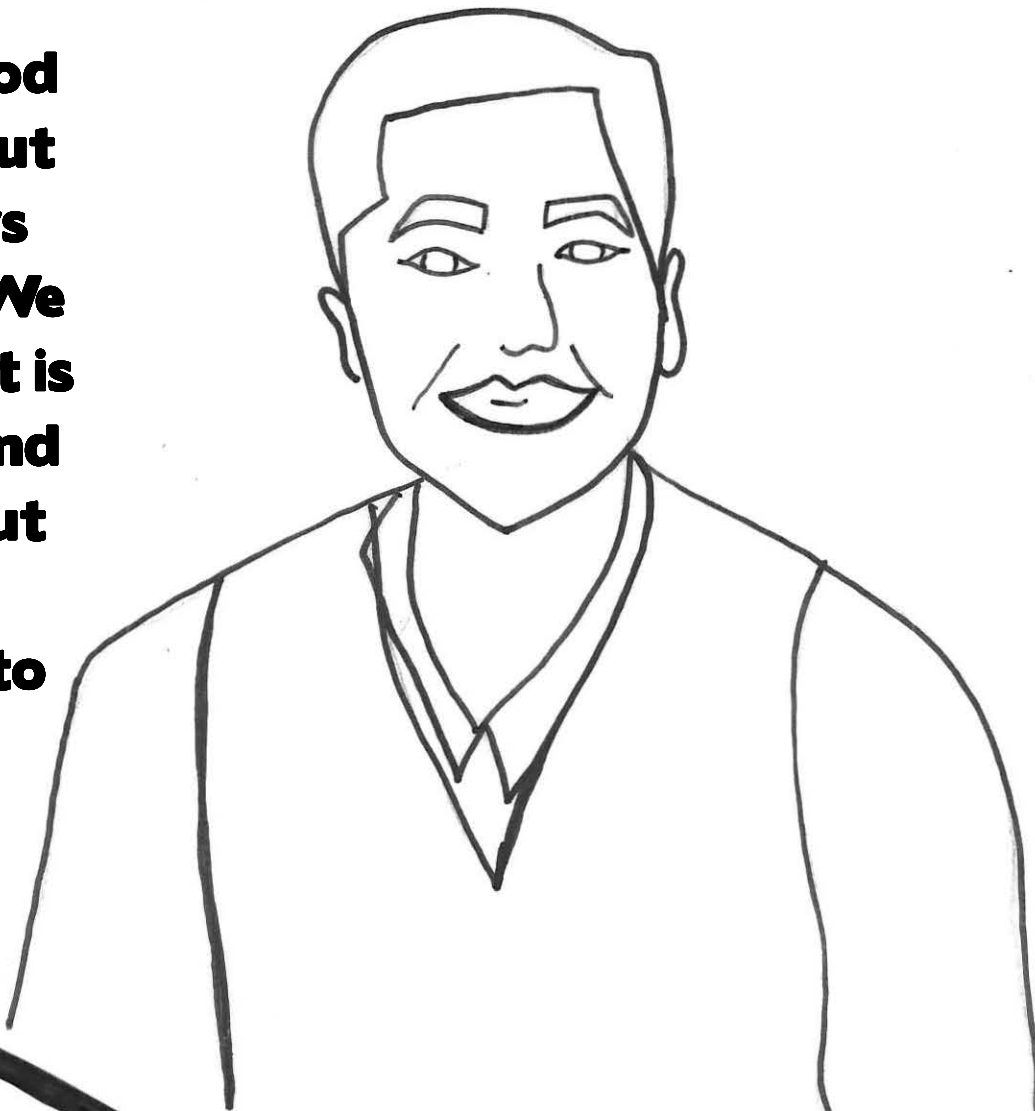
My name is Alondra. We created Hummingbird Farm to reconnect to the land and our ancestral roots. Kids, neighbors, and elders come together to connect to our cultural traditions, build our skills, and grow our own healthy food and medicine.



COMMUNITY VICTORIES

What are some traditions in your family? How do they make you feel?

My name is Marco. Our neighborhood is filled with hard working people, but in this City, hard work is not always enough to provide for our families. We created Excelsior Works, a space that is based in our communities' cultures and languages, where we can learn about our rights, receive support to gain dignified work, and come together to build our voice and our power.



DIGNIFIED WORK:

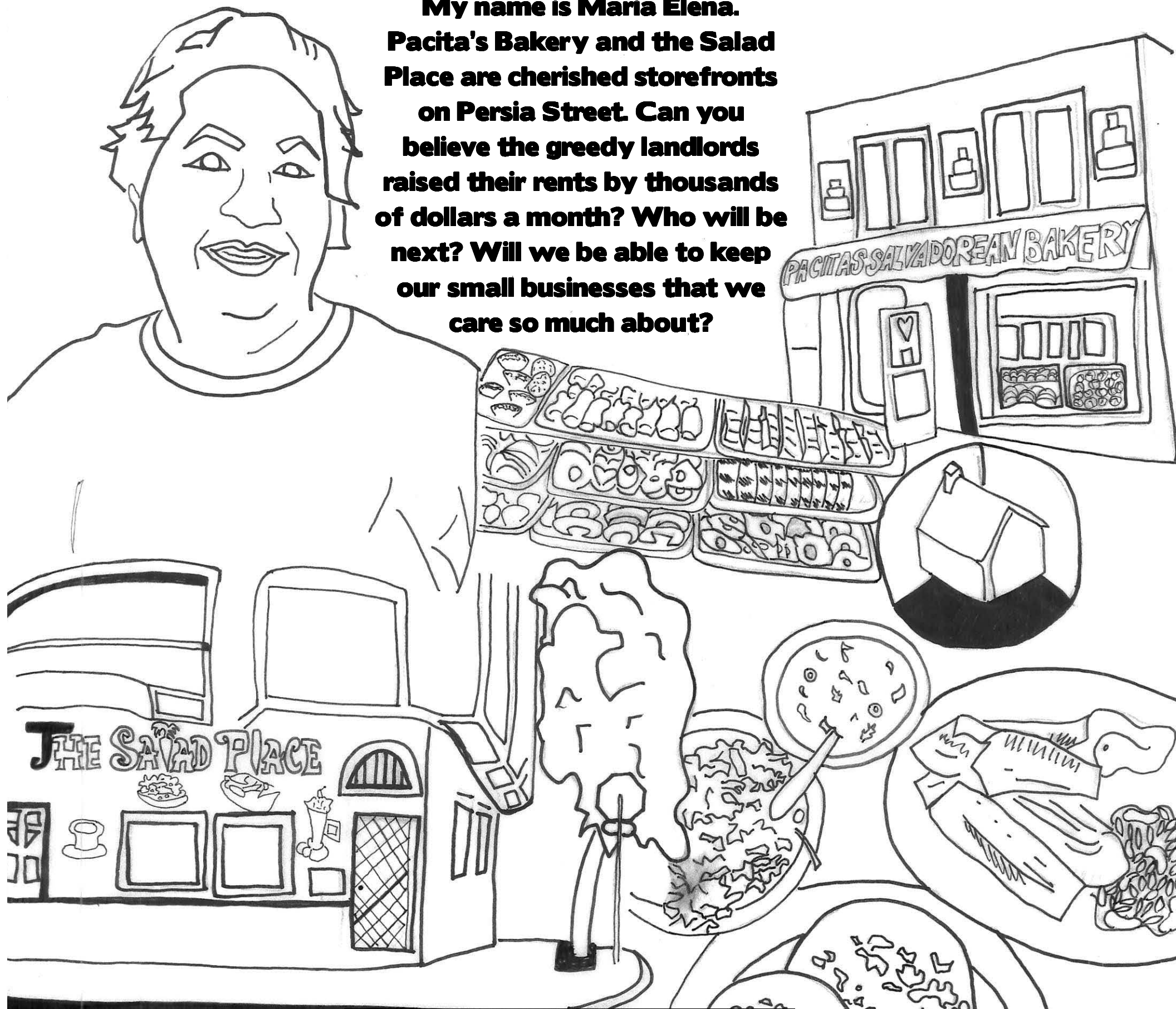
WORK THAT IS VALUED, WITH A VOICE ON THE JOB, AND PAID A LIVING WAGE



COMMUNITY VICTORIES

What does a community-oriented place look like, sound like, feel like?

**My name is Maria Elena.
Pacita's Bakery and the Salad
Place are cherished storefronts
on Persia Street. Can you
believe the greedy landlords
raised their rents by thousands
of dollars a month? Who will be
next? Will we be able to keep
our small businesses that we
care so much about?**



DEVELOPMENT AND DISPLACEMENT

**What's a business you love in your community? What
would happen if they had to leave? Tell us about them. How does
raising rent affect people, businesses and communities?**

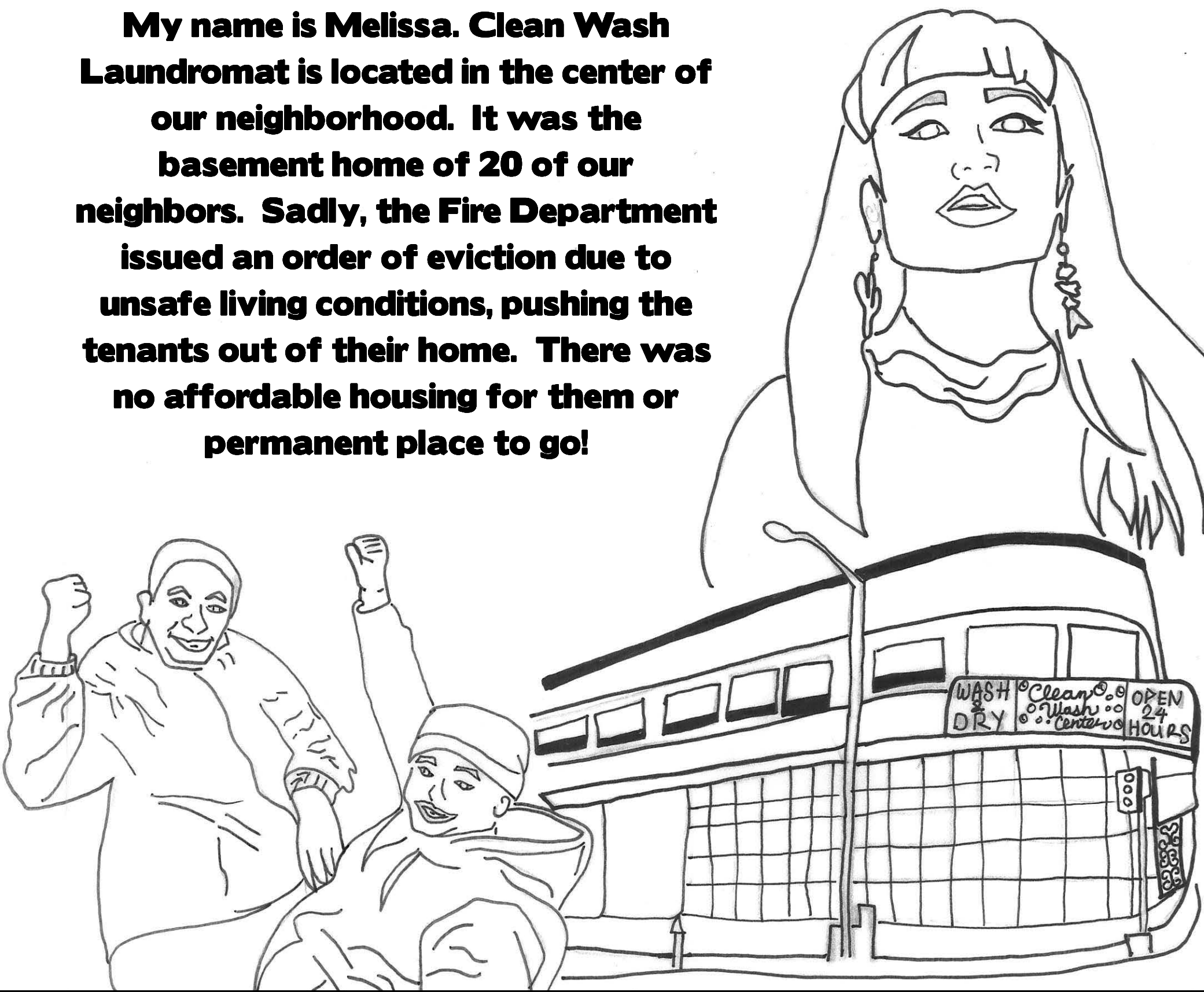
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Write it!

AFFORDABLE:

**THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT WE SHOULD
NOT PAY MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE MONEY WE EARN FOR RENT.**

**My name is Melissa. Clean Wash
Laundromat is located in the center of
our neighborhood. It was the
basement home of 20 of our
neighbors. Sadly, the Fire Department
issued an order of eviction due to
unsafe living conditions, pushing the
tenants out of their home. There was
no affordable housing for them or
permanent place to go!**



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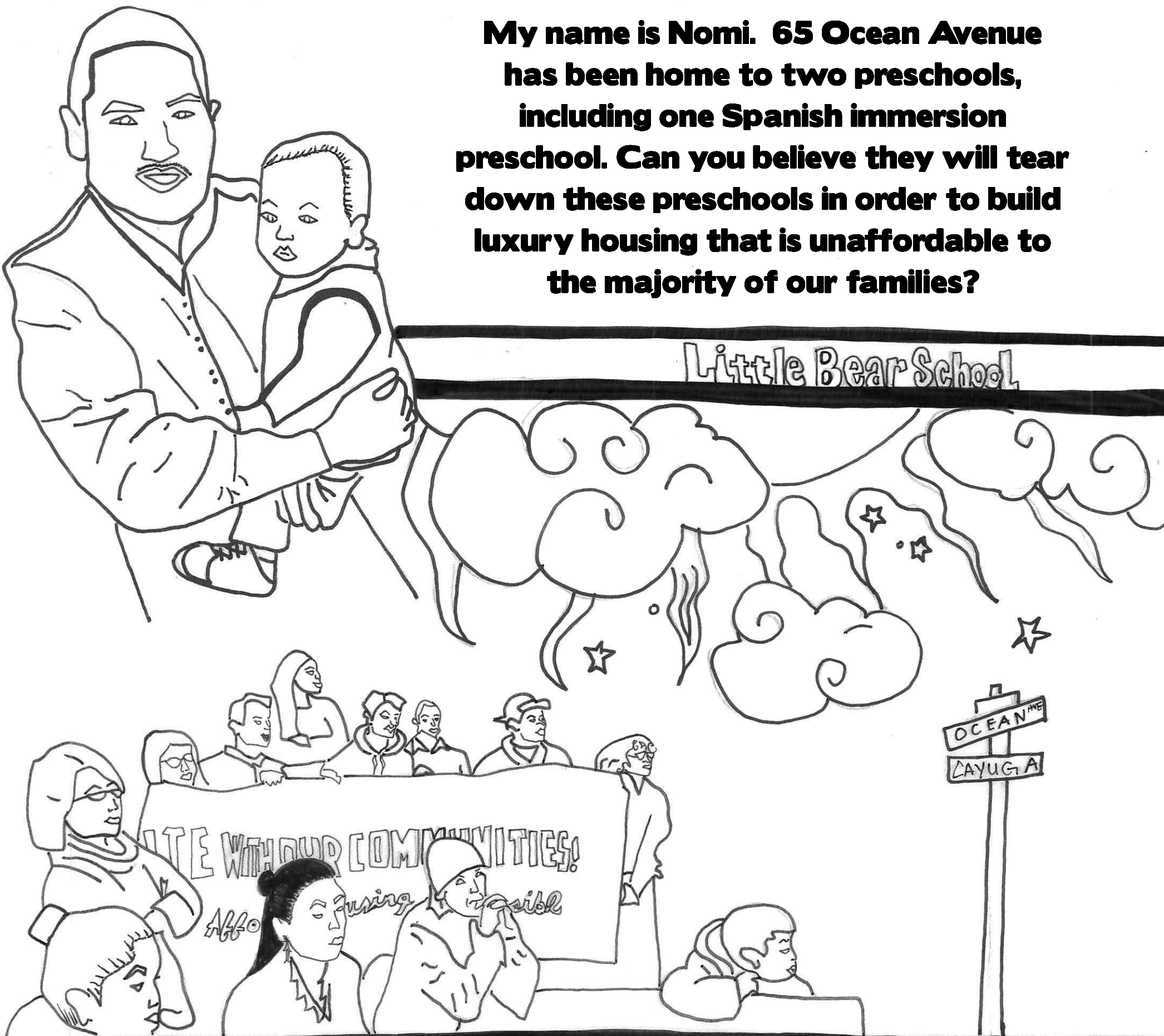
**Do you, or people you know live in overcrowded housing? Have you
lost a friend or neighbor to eviction? How does it make you feel?**

Draw it!

Write it!

EVICTED: BEING FORCED TO MOVE OUT OF YOUR HOME. OVER 647 PEOPLE AND COUNTING
HAVE BEEN EVICTED FROM OUR COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS.

**My name is Nomi. 65 Ocean Avenue
has been home to two preschools,
including one Spanish immersion
preschool. Can you believe they will tear
down these preschools in order to build
luxury housing that is unaffordable to
the majority of our families?**



DEVELOPMENT AND DISPLACEMENT

**How do you think the changes in our
neighborhoods are going to affect our families and our future?**

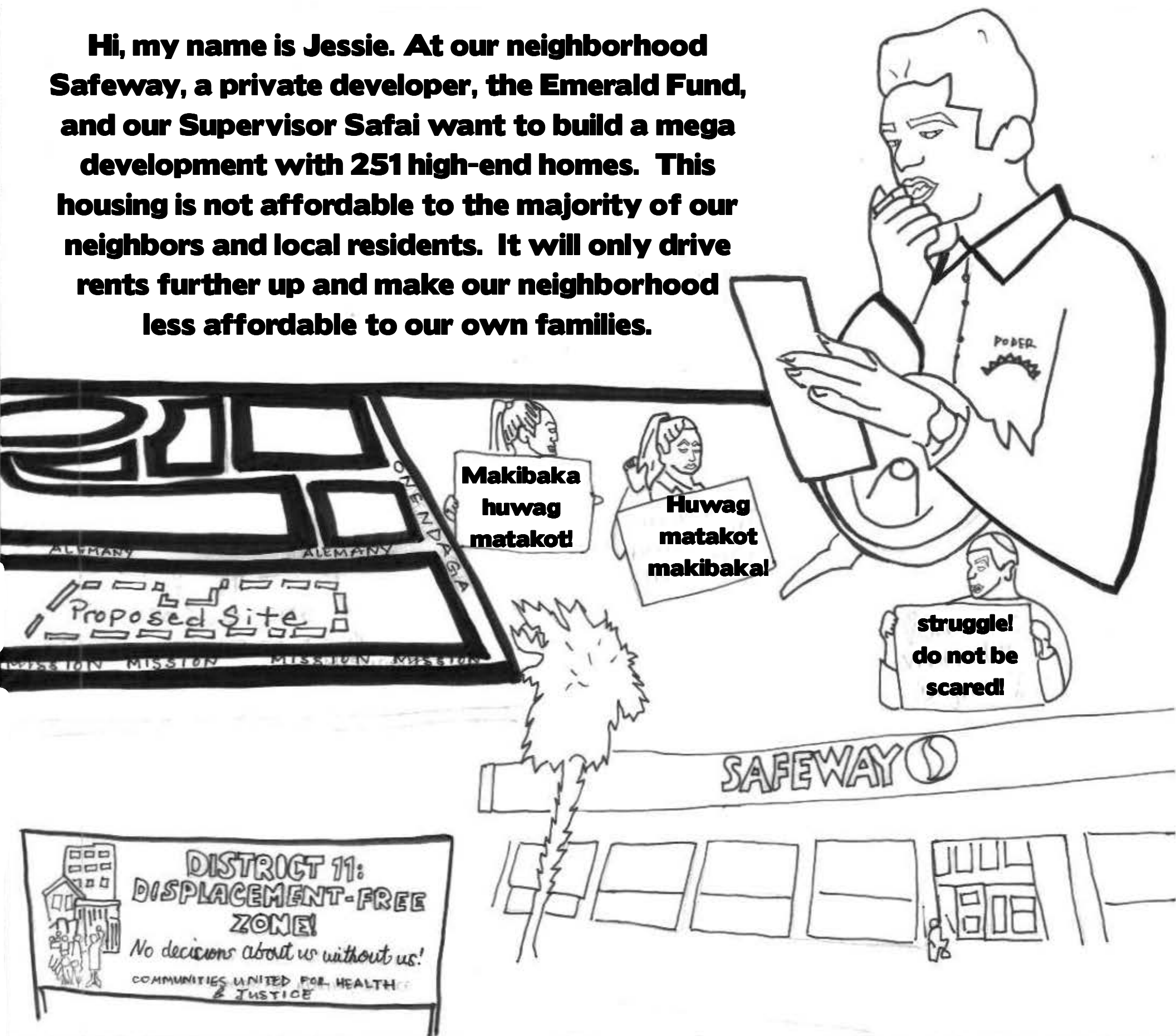
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DID YOU KNOW?

**OUR CITY ALREADY HAS OVERBUILT HOUSING
THAT WEALTHY PEOPLE CAN AFFORD, BUT NOT ENOUGH
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Hi, my name is Jessie. At our neighborhood Safeway, a private developer, the Emerald Fund, and our Supervisor Safai want to build a mega development with 251 high-end homes. This housing is not affordable to the majority of our neighbors and local residents. It will only drive rents further up and make our neighborhood less affordable to our own families.



DEVELOPMENT AND DISPLACEMENT

If the community could create what we need, instead of private developers, what would it look like? What do you believe we should create on the Safeway parking lot?

Draw it!

Write it!

SUPERVISOR SAFAI: OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT CITY HALL WHO SHOULD BE WORKING HARD TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AND FIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES' NEEDS.

My name is Amparo. The Housing Justice Action Team is a space for everyday working people and immigrants to build people power. We meet every third Monday of the month. Together, we are creating a vision for healthy development. Each year, we gather at the People's Summit, an event that brings our diverse working people and immigrants together to create neighborhood solutions.



COMING TOGETHER TO TAKE ACTION

Have you ever felt like you had power? What's a situation where you didn't have power? Explain.

Draw it!

Write it!

PEOPLE POWER: WHEN PEOPLE STAND TOGETHER TO SPEAK UP AGAINST INJUSTICE AND WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE CHANGES THAT BENEFIT ALL.

Draw or write how you see yourself getting involved. What skills do you have that you can teach others? What would you like to learn? How are you talking to your friends and family about what you learned? How are you making your voice heard?

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The End
But it's just the beginning!

Glossary

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