



It's already the 9th week of the season 4! Wow. And this week's zine features a couple of pieces by Paola about co-operative housing movements!

An invitation: this Thursday, the study session will be from 5-7pm, at the bakery. We moved it to the evening this week, in hopes that more bakery folks will be able to join in as we talk about membership models and practices that create multi-racial and multi-class spaces. We'd love to for you to come and bring your ideas and experiences to the table!

tive and struggled against the entrenched ACHC board, engaging in a renter's strike (placing rent in escrow until demands were met) as well as protests. On November 25, 2009, through elections, 8 out of the 9 board members were replaced. They continue to struggle for democratic control of their homes, hopefully now in the hands of all the people.



"We are the color of the earth. We are women, men, youth and children of corn. We are immigrants. We have not lived in our home countries for a long time, but home is still the air we breathe, still the pulse of our heart, it is still the thought that fills our minds. We were born in our

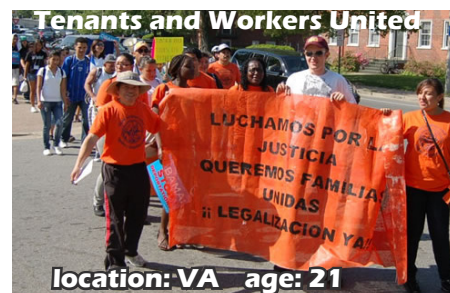
Current Co-ops: Co-operative Housing Movements

Recent breadteam meetings, muffin meetings, and questions coming out of our class on Class, have those people present (and perhaps not present) asking lots of questions about who we are, which sometimes seems like trying to dig our heels in sand, searching for a hard ground to push off from. As we hold a mirror to Bread Uprising, staring into our own eyes hoping to see who WE are (in addition to being people who love delicious, warm, right out of the oven bread), we ask that the movements that have come before us and share the road with us, be our flashlights or candles, so that we can better see ourselves. With this hope in mind, this week's zine reaches at the strings attached to our bread, and glimpses at two different housing movements in the eastern United States, the Tenants and Workers United (TWU) in Alexandria, Virginia and the Movement for Justice in El Barrio in East Harlem, NY. It explores their definitions of who they are, as well how they use their well sharpened collective anti-capitalist teeth.

lands and our lands were born in us."

"We are Movement for Justice in El Barrio. We are part of the simple and humble community that lives in El Barrio, East Harlem. We fight for dignity and against displacement. We fight for the liberation of women, immigrants, gays, lesbians, the transgendered community, people of color, and indigenous communities. We are part of the Other Campaign. We fight so that the oceans and the mountains will be for those who live in and take care of them. So that the rivers and the deserts will be for those who live in and take care of them. So, that the valleys and the streams will be for those who live in and take care of them. No one will own more land than they can cultivate. No one will own more houses than they can live in."

Oct 14, 2009 is the day Movimiento Por Justicia del Barrio announced "Most Powerful Landlord in East Harlem, Multi-National Dawney, Day Group, Comes Crashing Down" and celebrated a victory against the gentrification of 47 apartment buildings in East Harlem. To win this struggle, they implemented a multi-pronged campaign called the "International Campaign in Defense of



"We are Latinos/as, African Americans, tenants, immigrants, workers, women, youth and low-income people. We believe: *All people have a right to housing, health, and education. *Our communities have the right to control our own resources. *Power is in collective action. *We organize our communities to win social and economic justice. *We challenge injustice through education and direct action.

Our mission, developed over 21 years, is to build the power of low-income people – multi-national immigrants, African Americans, women, low-wage workers, and youths – in Northern Virginia, to struggle against racism and sexism, to develop

El Barrio" confronting Dawney, Day head on by filing and winning a legal suit against Dawney, Day for charging thousands of dollars in false fees to tenants, by engaging in direct actions in London at Dawney, Day head quarters, as well as by sustaining a media campaign to attraction attention to Dawney, Day harassment. As a result of this effort, the Supreme Court of NY took control of the buildings, and Movimiento por Justicia del Barrio is continuing its struggle to organize for power in these buildings by ousting the negligent management company, taking on building repairs themselves, as well as establishing a multi-building tenant association. "Through these efforts we strive to put in place a system that will ultimately stop the displacement those from above wish to impose on us. This can only be accomplished, moreover, through structural social change. Our vision, therefore, is also one that aims to defeat oppression and injustice in all their forms—from below and with those from below."

What We Baked This Week:

Half Wheat Sourdough (840g/loaf)

Water (36%), OG ww flour (30%), OG white flour (30%), veg oil (3%), NC Honey (1%), Salt

multi-racial leadership for social and economic justice, and to democratically control or own community resources including housing, education and health care."

Arlandria-Chirilagua Housing Cooperative:

In the early 1990s after ten years of organizing, the TWU formed the ACHC, a 287 unit housing complex that is owned and operated democratically* by it's resident-owners and the elected board of directors. Wait? What?! (field trip anyone?) They hoped to combat the city "development" which was causing evictions, as well as rent and utility increases among low-income residents. *And because democracy is a struggle and not an end, we fast-forward to 2005 when the newly elected ACHC board and the resident-owners began to have deep splits. Resident-owners complained about apartment maintenance, evictions, and non-transparent rent and utility increases. In 2008, the board attempted to increase housing payments by 3% and add 95\$ for water and trash services without any transparency as to why. As a result of this, Mesfun Berhan, a member of the board and the resident-owners formed Movement for a Democratic Coopera-

Cinnamon Cherry Sandwich (862g/loaf)

Organic whole wheat flour (48%), Water (35%), Dried Cherries (9%, contain sugar & oil), NC Honey (4%), Canola Oil (3%), Salt, Cinnamon, Vanilla, Yeast

Gluten Free Bread (750g/loaf)

Water (41%), OG brown rice flour (15%), Whole-grain millet flour (11%), Potato starch (10%), Corn starch (9%), Tapioca flour (7%), NC honey (5%), canola oil, yeast, salt, xanthan gum

Pizza Crusts (330g/each)

Water (36%), OG ww bread flour (29%), OG white flour (29%), Olive Oil (3%), Salt, Yeast

Whole Wheat Sourdough Miche (792g/loaf)

Water (42%), Organic whole wheat bread flour (35%), Organic whole rye flour (12%), Organic unbleached white bread flour (10%), Salt (1%)

Raisin Bran Muffins (360g/half-dozen)

Pecan milk (28%, NC pecans & water), OG WW pastry flour (26%), Kirkland Signature Raisin Bran (17%), Water (15%), NC Honey (8%), Canola oil (6%), Apple cider vinegar, Baking Powder, Baking soda, Cinnamon, Salt