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Organic whole-wheat pastry flour (27%), Durham mulberries & NC strawberries (15%), Canned NC peaches (13%), Canola oil (12%), NC honey (12%), Organic yellow cornmeal (6%), NC pecan milk (10%), Baking powder, OG apple cider vinegar, baking soda, salt.

Gluten Free Bread
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Housing is a human right. We know this; it is a basic thing that humans need to survive and thrive. However, over the past several decades, public housing and other affordable housing in Durham and around the US is being torn down, and replaced with mixed-income development - with fewer and fewer units of affordable housing available. This struggle is intensifying here in Durham, and People's Durham has been organizing "Black, Latino, and poor communities to fight for their rights... [to] address the immediate problems that our communities face as well as the root causes of poverty and racism."

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People's Durham is organizing to help residents fight to stay at Lincoln, and to make sure there is residents' involvement in the planning process for redevelopment of McDougald Terrace. They are also currently engaged in a get-out-the-vote campaign in the neighborhood.

Lincoln Residents' demands include:

1. STOP the evictions. 30 days is not enough time to address the problems in Lincoln Apartments. We need to extend the deadline in order to find out what repairs need to be made, what resources can be gathered to make them, and what led to Lincoln Apartments getting behind on bill payments.
2. Investigate & replace the current management. It is clear that management has not kept proper records. Payments in cash were taken without giving receipts, while some payments were being

taken in the form of food stamps. Some tenants were not even given leases. The Lincoln Foundation and the City of Durham should investigate the management company before taking their word that rents have not been paid.

3. Involve tenants in the new management of Lincoln Apartments. Durham does not have enough low-income housing for all those who need it. We need new management committed to keeping up and improving this major part of Durham's low-income housing stock as part of a larger effort to grow Durham's low-income housing. And, in order to prevent another crisis, we need tenants involved in that management.

For more info, see:

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