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How do we get off the defensive and on the offensive fighting gentrification
and reclaiming urban space?

What possibilities for earth-sustainable,
collectively organized cities do we envision for the future?

We want to practice thinking bigger in our demands
for urban development, redistribution, and class struggle.

Week 1: Introduction - Indigenous Land Struggles & Socialist Cooperative Housing Legacies

1. Kamalakanthan, Prashanth. [“The Ohlone People Were Forced Out of San Francisco. Now They Want Part Of Their Land Back.”](#) *Mother Jones*. (video and brief article)
2. Parrish, Will. [“Protecting Ohlone Heritage.”](#) *East Bay Express*.

3. Sogore Te Land Trust - [Beyond Recognition Trailer: http://sogoreate-landtrust.com/](http://sogoreate-landtrust.com/)
4. Kohn, Margaret. ["Chapter 6: The House of the People."](#) (21 pages)
5. Friedmann, John. [Planning in the Public Domain: From Knowledge to Action.](#) 1987 (4 pages)

Other recommended reading:

Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne. [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States.](#)

Eve Tuck & K. Wayne Yang - [Decolonization is not a metaphor](#)

Week 2: Context - Bay Area Housing History & Right to the City Framework

1. Madrigal, Alexis C. ["The Racist Housing Policy That Made Your Neighborhood."](#) *The Atlantic*.
2. Causa Justa :: Just Cause. ["Development Without Displacement: Resisting Gentrification In The Bay Area."](#) (excerpts: 30 pages including maps)
 - a. Executive Summary pgs 6-9
 - b. Introduction pgs 11-13
 - c. Global Cities 16-37
 - d. Look at map on page 15 and skim through statistics on pages included on the above mention pages. (Gonna print or project this map for all to see it.)
3. Harvey, David. ["Chapter One: The Right to the City."](#) *Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution.* 2012 (20 pages)
4. [Race, Inequality, and Segregation of the Bay Area - by Urban Habitat Nov 2016](#) (20 pages)

Week 3: Defining Terms

1. Flores, Ronnie. ["What drives gentrification?"](#) *Socialist Worker*.
2. Two Anonymous Members of Common Cause. ["Conceptualizing an Anarchist Intervention Against Gentrification" \(section\) "Short Circuit: Towards an Anarchist Approach to Gentrification."](#)
 - a. *prioritize Section IV. Anarchist Responses to Gentrification, through Conclusion*
3. Harvey, David. ["Chapter Three: The Creation of the Urban Commons."](#) *Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution.* 2012 (21 pages)
4. Recommended: Right to the City Webinar: [Renters Nation Training Series: Building A Rebel City: The Struggle for Economic Democracy & Self-Determination in Jackson, MS."](#)

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/f89e44be359323c234538d7d4481ef37>

Other recommended reading/viewings (food justice intersections):

[The Elusive Inclusive: Black Food Geographies and Racialized Food Spaces](#)

[Urban Agriculture Is Booming, But What Does It Really Yield?](#) (notice how this analysis does not engage displacement/gentrification)

Video: [Leah Penniman: Ending Racism in Farming and Food - 10 Not-So-Easy Steps](#)

Week 4: Historical Examples of Urban & Cooperative Movements

1. Schafer, Christopher. ["The City is Unwritten: Urban Experiences and Thoughts seen through Park Fiction."](#) 2005 (12 pages)
2. Abers, Sarah. ["From Ideas to Practice: The Partido dos Trabalhadores and Participatory Governance in Brazil."](#) *Latin American Perspectives* Vol.23, No.4, 1996 (16 pages)
3. ["Class Struggle in Italy 1960's to 1970's."](#) (excerpts that focus on tenant organizing and actions). [Excerpt for pages 41-50](#) (easier to read)
4. Semuels, Alana. ["The Destruction of a Black Suburb."](#) *The Atlantic*.

5. **Short Film:** [*Arc of Justice: The Rise Fall & Rebirth of a Beloved Community*](#) (History of U.S. CLTS) (Tavi has a copy)
6. **Recommended:** [*From Votes to Vegetables: Civil Rights Activism and the Low-Income Cooperative Movement in Louisiana after 1965*](#) by Greta de Jong

Week 5: Current Examples of Anti-Gentrification & Cooperative Movements

1. Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (Roxbury, Boston) [“Gaining Ground” Film Trailer](#)
2. Ellefson, Alex. [“Crown Heights Tenants Union Shows the Way.”](#) *The Independent*.
3. [Cooperation Jackson: Vision of Sustainable Community Development](#)
4. Mazria Katz, Marisa. [“Occupying Empty Houses and Airwaves to Fight Foreclosures in Boston.”](#) *CreativeTimeReports*.
5. [Ecovillagers Alliance - Pictorial Guide to Community Land Cooperatives](#) and the [Ecovillagers Statement on Gentrification](#).
6. Recommended: Defreitas, Susan. [“In Thailand, a deep green vision for saving a historic city.”](#) *Earth Techling*.

More Recommended Readings:

- **Cooperative Economics Readings Centering Anti-Displacement & Racial Justice Struggles**
 - Jessica Gordon - *Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice*
- **Global Ecological, Food, and Climate Justice Connections (from [Movement Generation](#) & Others):**
 - [The Case for Holistic Economic Transformation - Urban Habitat \[PDF version\]](#)
 - [Climate Change is Now... Is the Left Ready, Left Turn](#)
 - [Ecology and the Left, Left Turn, PDF version](#)
 - [How to Break the Climate Stalemate Between the Global South and the North, YES Magazine](#)

Maybe something on popular/participatory planning (Tim took on doing at least an initial search)

Maybe something on real estate investment cooperatives (NEIC is in a very different context, but might have some applicability): <http://www.thelinemedia.com/devnews/neicnational06092015.aspx>
<http://www.yesmagazine.org/new-economy/neighbors-got-together-buy-vacant-buildings-renting-bike-shop-brewer>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiNz1p5TI9Q> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEZ30BY4j8U>

Living for the City: Migration, Education, and the Rise of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California (The John Hope Franklin Series in African American History and Culture), by Donna Jean Murch
https://www.amazon.com/Living-City-Migration-Education-California-ebook/dp/B004JN0UGI/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1491766122&sr=1-1&keywords=living+for+the+city