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Saturday, August 15, 2020
North American Tenants Town Hall
RESISTING EVICTION COURTS

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Hosts / Stack / Security: Jade, [Omaha Tenants United](https://www.omahatenants.org/)

Notes: Rose, [LA Tenants Union](https://www.latenantsunion.org/) (email afterward for access)

1. **Welcome** (15 min, 10:00-10:15 PDT) (Jade)
 - a. Language Justice announcement (Melissa or Alexia)
 - b. What is ATUN? ([en](#)) ([sp](#))
 - c. Community agreements (no assumptions, step up/step back, stack, mute, security)
*To get on stack, use the "raise hand" feature or email: atuntenants@gmail.com. If you're on the phone and wish to raise your hand type *9.*
 - d. Review the agenda; to get on the email list fill out bit.ly/ATUNintake
2. **Introduction** (Richard, [Houston Tenants Union](https://www.houstontenants.org/)) (5 min, 10:15-10:20 PDT)
 - Recognition of the need for more organized and militant responses given what is at stake.
 - Tenants unions can do things that many housing and legal organizations can't or won't.
3. **Eviction outreach** (Bridget & Scott, [Richmond Tenants Union](https://www.richtennants.org/)) (20 min, 10:20-10:40 PDT)
 - [Eviction outreach & court support slides](#)
 - Letter to tenants ([English version](#)) ([Spanish version](#))

4. **Eviction court support** (Julian, [Tenants United Hyde Park Woodlawn](#) Chicago) (10 min, 10:40-10:50)

- What is court support? Why do it?
- How do you do it?

Court support has a variety of benefits: (a) Support to tenants in crisis, (b) Demonstrates to the judge, jury, and landlord that the tenant has community support, (c) Helps our members learn about the limitations and even failures of the legal system for tenants, (d) Pushes the tenant lawyers to be more aggressive, bolder, and more aware of the movement, and (e) the value of the political education the group gets from going to court (make sure to debrief after doing court support).

5. **Shutting down eviction courts** (Frank & comrades, [New Orleans Renters Rights Assembly](#))

- Presentation (20 min, 10:50-11:10)
- [Video of court shutdown](#)
- Q&A (10 min, 11:10-11:20)

6. **5-min break** (11:20-11:25)

7. **Breakout groups** (20 min, 11:25-11:45)

- What strategies could work for your union or group of tenants to disrupt eviction courts, prevent evictions, and build up the union for the longer term? What are you already doing and what are you planning to try?
- What coalitions might be worth working with in this moment? What are the potential risks and benefits?

8. **Reportbacks** (20 min, 11:50-12:10)

- Meeting on Wednesday 4pm PDT / 7pm EDT to discuss & coordinate a potential national day of action against evictions? Email ATUNtenants@gmail.com if you want to attend

9. **Closing** (20 min, 12:10-12:30 PT)

- a. **ATUN North American Virtual Convention update.** (Rose, [L.A. Tenants Union](#)). 20 min, 12:05-12:25 PDT.

- [Documents](#)
- [Feedback form](#)

- b. Language Justice--to volunteer please email ATUNtenants@gmail.com; regular practice sessions with LATU Language Justice to train new simultaneous interpreters

- Language justice training from members of LA Tenants Union on August 29 & 30: [Register here](#) RSVP by August 26 (see below)

- c. NEXT ATUN tenant organizer town hall, **Saturday, SEPTEMBER 19.** Send your ideas for topics to: atuntenants@gmail.com.

- d. Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays

2pm - 4pm PDT
3pm - 5pm MDT
4pm - 6pm CDT
5pm - 7pm EDT

To RSVP for office hours, email: atuntenants@gmail.com

Please give us at least a day's notice. If you are able to volunteer to cover some office hour shifts, please let us know that too.

LANGUAGE JUSTICE AND INTERPRETING SKILLS WORKSHOP

WITH THE LA TENANTS UNION

August 29 & 30, 2-4 pm PST
on Zoom, facilitated in English

RSVP by August 26
bit.ly/latu-lj-aug2020

Questions
latu.lj.trainings@gmail.com

MONOLINGUAL,
BILINGUAL, &
MULTILINGUAL
IN ANY LANGUAGES
ARE WELCOME



OTHER RESOURCES

COVID-related Eviction Moratoria by State/Commonwealth/Territory (English)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/e/2PACX-1vTH8dUIbfnt3X52TrY3dEHQCAm60e5nqo0Rn1rNCf15dPGeXxM9QN9UdxUfEjxwvfTKzbCbZxJMdR7X/pubhtml#>

Philadelphia Tenants Union's COVID-19 Organizing Guide (English)

<http://docs.google.com/document/d/16s-CHN29u01i3VdGJGOehhYliqeCAH9ux0yE9yCVujl/edit?usp=sharing>

Tenant and Neighborhood Councils "Solidarity Is Our Weapon" Escalation Guide (English)

bit.ly/TenantCouncil

Tenant and Neighborhood Councils Pandemic Organizing Guide (English)

<http://docs.google.com/document/d/1osMMHmOn3nyhx3Or4HzKtRaeaRAYEDwnQRAtVDgt47c/edit?usp=sharing>

L.A. Tenants Union Rent Cancellation Guide (English, Spanish, Korean, and Armenian)

<http://foodnotrent.org/>

L.A. Tenants Union Tenant Association Handbook (Spanish & English)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wixeP0RRpijoHJpS1S0oVTdRZgeXLmX7?usp=sharing>

Parkdale Organize Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCHAKCxDPjg>

For tenants in California:

The Eviction Defense Network is available to Counsel any tenant in the State of CA at askanattorney@edn.la. The California Tenant COVID-19 Survival Guide has been recent edited to comply with LATU calls to action, they can send email to info@edn.la on join FB Group COVID 19 Tenants Rights #OnEveryFridge.

Autonomous Tenants Union Network

<http://atun-rsia.org/>

To register for office hours email:

atuntenants@gmail.com

To add your autonomous tenant union to the ATUN list at email:

siteadmin@atun-rsia.org

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