

This Rebel City guide allows us to see the rasquache city as legitimate and powerful as the one pictured on the postcard. The guide contains a diversity of grassroots-oriented organizations. Their actions challenge the political stasis of a top down bureaucracy; they are walking the road. They are upping the ante for L.A.'s many underclasses.

Right To The City

heritage.

Act-L.A. allianceforcommunitytransit.org

ACT-L.A. envisions a transit-rich city, where people have access to quality jobs, affordable housing, necessary social services, ample transportation options, and a voice in decisionmaking. We believe in building a sustainable nunity through the reduction of toxic all pollution, the promotion of public health, and the strengthening of community culture and

Black Lives Matter blacklivesmatter.com

We organize under a disrupt/build model, disrupting the systems that keep Black people oppressed and working to build the kind of world in which we want to live. In 2015 the chapter issued five demands to Eric Garcetti, the Mayor of Los Angeles

I. Fire Charlie Beck for leading the most murderous law enforcement unit in the nation: 2. Move all Los Angeles Police Commission Meetings out of L.A.P.D. headquarters and to the evenings so that they can be accessible to the community: 3. Establish a reparations fund to support those who are brutalized and abused by police and the families of those who have been killed by police; 4. Appoint real community representatives to key boards and commissions; 5. Hold quarterly meetings in the Black community, with an agenda that the community develops and a format that the community defines.

CHIRLA chirla.org

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Right's (CHIRLA) mission is to achieve a just society fully inclusive of immigrants. CHIRLA organizes and serves individuals, institutions and coalitions to build power, transform public opinion, and change policies to achieve full human, civil and labor rights.

The Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) is a grassroots multi-racial multi-ethnic community based organization. CES assists working and low-income people throughout the greater Los Angeles area and surrounding counties in working together to empower themselves to impact the decision making processes that affect their day-to-day lives.

Coalition to Preserve L.A. 2preservela.org Coalition to Preserve L.A. is a citywide movement of concerned residents who believe in open government, people-oriented planning, equitable housing and environmental stewardship of L.A. through advocacy and empowering the community.

Crenshaw Subway Coalition crenshawsubway.org The organization has three specific objectives as it relates to the Crenshaw-LAX Light Rail Line, the largest public works project in the history of South Los Angeles, ensuring:

I. the project is built in a manner requested by the community; 2. the project is built by the community; 3. the economic development that is a product of the project and Crenshaw Boulevard revitalization is community-driven and based on principles of local economic

Koreatown Popular Assembly facebook.com/koreatownpopularassembly

We are neighbors and workers in Koreatown, coming together to build a strong and organized community! Rapid response blockades and action against raids and deportations by ICE in Los Angeles.

The Labor Community Strategy Center

The Labor Community Strategy Center is a think tank for regional, national and international movement building. Its campaigns, projects, and publications are rooted in working class communities of color, and address the totality of urban life with a particular focus on civil rights, environmental justice, public health, global warming, and the criminal legal system. It builds consciousness, leadership, and organization among those who face discrimination and societal attack—people of color, women, immigrants, workers, LGBT people. youth, all of whom comprise our membership. Linking mass struggles to the need for radical, structural change, it develops campaigns and demands that help build a revitalized world united front that can stop the rising tides of war, racism and imperialism, the ecological crisis and the growing police state. Its work often challenges both major political parties and takes on the organized Right. The Labor Community Strategy Center fights to win.

Leimert Park Mutual Aid Organizing

Committee leimertparkmaoc.org "We [must] build a sociopolitical infrastructure to intervene in every area of Black life: food and housing cooperatives, Black Liberation schools, people's banks and community mutual aid funds, medical clinics and hospitals . . . "

–Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin The Leimert Park Mutual Aid Organizing Committee (LP-MAOC) is an autonomous, Black-led solidarity network created by residents of the mmunity to resist gentrification. In contrast to the current market-based economic system. which is predicated on consumption, exploitation, greed, and the private ownership of the means of production, we believe mutual aid and solidarity can help us build cooperative. intersectional, and sustainable communities. We look to the traditions of Black mutual aid societies and contemporary autonomous mutual aid collectives for inspiration in our struggle against gentrification, racism, state-sanctioned

violence, and other forms of oppression.

LACAN cangress.org

The mission of the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LACAN) is to help people dealing with poverty create and discover opportunities, while serving as a vehicle to ensure we have voice, power and opinion in the decisions that are directly affecting us. Our overarching social change goals are to: Organize and empower community residents to work collectively to change the relationships of power that affect our community: create an organization and organizing model that eradicate the race, class, gender barriers that are used to prevent communities from building true power; eliminate the multiple forms of violence used against and within our community to maintain status quo.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust was founded in 2002 to address L.A.'s park inequities. We focus our efforts exclusively in communities of color that have little to no access to green space. Less than one acre of green space is available for every 1,000 residents in the communities we serve. In stark contrast, the citywide average is over four acres and the countywide average is over three acres. Our successful greenspace development model engages residents from the beginning of our design process, through construction and ultimately the stewardship of the parks and gardens

POWER power-la.org

People Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER) is a membership-based community organizing group. We employ a community organizing strategy based on relationship buildon issues that matter to people in our communities, such as affordable housing, community safety, and quality education. We then connect our issues to those of our national network, National People's Action (NPA), and we are part of a national movement focused on building an economy that works for everybody, challenging corporate power, and winning increasingly more inclusive and democratic government policies.

Proyecto Jardin proyectojardin.org Of, by, and for the people who made "something from nothing"; A lush green oasis, an organic food source, and an agro-ecology farm lab; A learning tool, a sanctuary, and a peace and harmony zone: A third acre farm in Boyle Heights: 43 raised beds and a public orchard of 63 fruit trees; A community health and wellness hub and a traditional healing arts resource; Solar-power, rain water harvesting, bee hives and earth worm composting; El Caracol Medicine Wheel, Dia de Los Muertos, and the birth place of Eastside Earth Day; Burning sage, copal, and cedar smudge; Sahumerios, talking circle, song and ceremony; Hoja Santa, Papalotl, and Epasote; Flor de calabaza, nopal, chaya and maiz; The gateway to individual and community empowerment, a Boyle Heights

Cultural Treasure, and a Good Food Champion

for Los Angeles City Council District 14; A pro-

cess, a destination, a people, a movement, a

public practice, a cultural expression, and a

spiritual experience; A grassroots organization

on a roll for 15 years and counting.

PUMA (Padres Unidos De Maywood)

For twenty years, PUMAS has organized local residents around numerous struggles including the fight against immigration check-points, struggles for housing rights, fighting police abuse, and routing out government corruption in the City of Maywood.

Sustainable Works sustainableworks.org

We exist to ensure that the concepts of sustainability and the actions associated with living a sustainable lifestyle are integrated into the daily activities of individuals, institutions and businesses. We provide hands-on, interactive, educational experiences, serve as a liaison between governments, institutions, businesses and individuals and foster community development. We turn knowledge into tangible actions that improve our quality of life by promoting sustainable practices in our urban environment Our goal is to ensure a just society, a clean and healthy environment and a vibrant economy for present and future generations.

Unidad unidad-la.org

UNIDAD is a coalition of residents and their organizations in South Central L.A. dedicated to keeping families in their homes and improving the health and economic well-being of lowincome communities of color through responsible development. We recognize that structural racism linked to housing, policing, land use and employment policies have caused great harm to Black, Latino, Native, Asian, immigrant and low-income communities. UNIDAD works to reverse these harms by promoting healthy and equitable neighborhoods through planning and land use that is rooted in community.

Union De Vecinos uniondevecinos.org

Union de Vecinos' overall focus is to improve the quality of life for residents who live, work and play in the neighborhoods in which we serve. We follow the environmental justice principles of self determination and meaningful inclusion and participation on issues that affect the most poor and excluded. Our principal method of work is community organizing.

Uplift Inglewood upliftinglewood.org

The Uplift Inglewood Coalition was created in response to the rising cost of living and housing. We are looking to help shape the future of our city so that working families can continue to live in Inglewood. While the most notable new development in our city, the new Rams/ Chargers Stadium, has resulted in a new school playground and potential economic growth for our city, we want to make sure that the finan cial gains are directed back to our community and lead to investments in workforce housing, schools, public safety, and infrastructure improvements. We believe our city's families deserve the opportunity to live, work, learn, and play in a sustainable community.

Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE) builds grassroots power to create social and economic justice for low income, female, immigrant, black, and brown communities in Los Angeles, SCOPE organizes communities, develops leaders, collaborates through strategic alliances, builds capacity through training programs, and educates South Los Angeles's residents to have an active role in shaping policies affecting the quality of life in our region.

T.R.U.S.T. South L.A. trustsouthla.org

T.R.U.S.T. South L.A. is a community-based effort that works to stabilize the neighincreased property values and rents have pushed out many long-term residents. Our mission is to serve as a steward for com munity-controlled land; to be a catalyst for values-driven, community-serving development; to build awareness and community leadership in issues of housing, transportation and recreation; and to create programs and initiatives that encourage community building and economic opportunity.

Right To A Home

BHAAD alianzacontraartwashing.org

The Boyle Heights Alliance Against Artwashing and Displacement (BHAAD) is a coalition born from the complex specificities of Los Angeles. We've come together to confront the current crisis of evictions and abusive real estate practices in L.A., to question the role of culture in gentrification and the narrative of inevitability, and to push to stop displacement in its tracks.

Chinatown Community for Equitable Development www.ccedla.org

Chinatown Community for Equitable Development builds grassroots power with lowincome and immigrant communities through organizing education and mutual help. We are a multi-ethnic and intergenerational organization





The Radical **Imagination**

Robby Herbst

Rebel City, the Llano Del Rio Guide you're holding, is first a portal to gaze through. This guide was created gathering existing organizations that develop power within communities in the Los Angeles region. The reason for this is to answer the question:

What would the city look like if vertical power as we know it disappeared?

Among the many reasons we're asking this is to imagine our withdrawal from the Federal bureaucracy that is under control of, and by desire to leave, the current national regime. Yet rather than a Calexit we're imagining a more governmentally specific departure for our city. The door opens to reveal the sanctuary of our city from below.

The disappearance of entrenched bureaucratic power sounds vaguely reasonable within our federalist system as states rights. California goes its own way on marijuana, healthcare, environmental policy, and its affective messaging regarding immigration. Yet the logistics controlling the allocation of both national and regional resources hold our city entrenched in a paradigm where the needlest go last, and the well connected go first.

Jubilee! Utopias are biblical pronouncements of reversals, but this Rebel City guide isn't Jesus driving the moneychangers from the temple. This Rebel City is not a social fiction because its framework is already here. Wipe your eyes clear of the order of things, put the public before the private, the impoverished before the kings, the ruled before the ruler, the tenant before the lord, the undocumented on the same level as the documented citizen. Hasn't the undercommons been establishing the framework for a broad network for decades? Already it can exert democratic power in many areas of critical infrastructure; housing, banking, food, energy, health care, education, public defense. It contrasts with the privileged networks of Kaiser, LAPD, Bank of America, and AT&T because it hopes to be representative, hopes to be responsible to the least, hopes to operate for the maximum benefit of those who live here rather then just own here, and aims to make power a general quality rather than a specific instrument.

Social movements appear across the beaches, basins and hills: anti-gentrification, housing first, Black Lives Matter, Divest LA. Yet hegemony is held by the wealthy. David Harvey in his book Rebel Cities, frames the city-state historically as the bastion of communality. The heart of the rebel city beats when the majority, lacking rights, land, representation, or status, come out of the shadows and claim their agency as residents in common, on this block. In Spain the indignados refused a government by-and-for the landlords and got rid of them saying "Que Se Vayan Todos"—they all must go. The political party En Cómu organizes itself as a rejection of politics of the lords and wins. Hardt and Negri writing in Assembly remind us that the movement of the multitude can simultaneously critique forms of power and reinvent it.

Second, Rebel City is an invitation to walk this road together. Our city's specific geography and mythology encourages tribalism; a city of supposed separated identities and interests. We're trained to devalue the public sphere—even more so in our techno-libertarian era. Autonomy today must mean developing the language to recharge the power of the common. From this network of beaches, basins, and hills Angelenos develop the popular sphere as exception to the structures that say our popular needs for a sustainable city are impractical, expensive, or illegal.

The contents of this guide show that the network for another city is already here. It's serving the homeless, undocumented, poor, marginalized, and disenfranchised. It demonstrates the vibrancy of a rebel urbanism in Los Angeles; one that borrows equally from the struggle for civil rights, anti-colonialism, environmental and economic justice, and anti-capitalism. In this network you could locate influences of past West Coast countercultures, but largely this is a guide to a highly urbanized, necessarily sustainable, categorically multi-ethnic, vigorously egalitarian, working class city. One that's already here, one that's organizing to grow.

"There it is-take it" William Mullholland declared while plotting the theft of Owens Valley's water for Los Angeles. This guide invites you to do the same, a rebel city is there—take it. In this era where politics as usual shows itself as most brazenly plutocratic and pretenses of representative democracy are stripped bare, what else is there for the people to do?

Defend Boyle Heights defendboyleheights.blogspot.com

Defend Boyle Heights is an autonomous coalition committed to building community power against gentrification principally through direct actions that target institutions aligned with the capitalist, pro-gentrification status quo.

Eviction Defense Network EDN edn.la

If you're a renter having problems with your landlord, we can help you. The Eviction Defense Network operates by providing FREE consultations on a first-come, first-served walk in basis.

Housing Long Beach housinglb.org

Our housing work focuses in four main areas: Enacting policies that prevent the displacement of low-income communities; enacting long-term policies that will impact housing development; responding to housing issues that are more immediate for residents; building an infrastructure to allow residents to meaning fully engage and build the necessary power to make changes for their communities.

Inquilinos Unidos inquilinosunidos.org

Inquilinos Unidos is dedicated to empowering low-income tenants through community organizing, education and advocacy to fight for safe, decent and affordable housing in Los Angeles. Inquilinos Unidos' vision is a tenantled movement that creates stable, strong, safe, green and healthy communities and neighborhoods that are desirable, vibrant places to live. and ensure economic prosperity and equitable political representation for all residents.

Los Angeles Anti-Eviction Campaign

Dedicated to organizing a culture of self defense against the exploitation and oppression of our neighborhoods.

L.A. Human Rights To Housing Collective lahumanrighttohousing.org

The mission of the L.A. Human Rights to Housing Collective is to build a city-wide tenants movement, and create a network of residentled organizations and committees that can build power to implement the principle of the human right to housing in Los Angeles housing

LAPD lapovertydept.org

Los Angeles Poverty Department (LAPD) was the first performance group in the nation made up principally of homeless people, and the first arts program of any kind for homeless people in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles Tenants Union latenantsunion.org The Los Angeles Tenants Union is a diverse, tenant-led movement fighting for the human right to housing for all. We demand safe, affordable housing and universal rent control. We organize against landlord harassment, mass evictions, and displacement. We mobilize for the repeal of the Ellis Act and Costa-Hawkins Act. Our mission is to strengthen tenants' political power through education, advocacy, and direct

Alternative Economics

Arroyo Seco Network of Time Banks asntb.com

Time banking exists to promote five core values: I. Assets Everyone has the capacity to be a contributor to the wellbeing of others in their community; 2. Redefine Work Those who carry out the really essential activities (such as bringing up nealtny children, neiping to keep their communities safe and caring for those around them who are more vulnerable) need to be validated and rewarded in some way for the vital work that they do; 3. Reciprocity We need each other. Giving and receiving are the basic building blocks of positive social relationships and healthy communities; 4. Social Capital Belonging to a mutually supportive and secure social network brings more meaning to our lives and new opportunities to rebuild our trust in one another; 5. Respect Respect demands accountability. The voices of all must be heard and heeded to promote social justices and compel accountability.

Divest L.A. divestla.com

Divest L.A. is a movement for revolutionary action at the local level. We the people call on Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Council to divest from Wells Fargo. We will not support financial institutions that illegally foreclose on working-class families, discriminate against people of color or low-income consumers, commit mortgage fraud, invest in oppression against indigenous peoples, or finance the destruction of our shared environment.

Long Beach Time Exchange

lbtimeexchange.com

The Long Beach Time Exchange is a "time banking" community, where members use a currency called time credits to exchange skills

Los Angeles Public Bank

facebook.com/publicbanklo

The Public Bank of L.A. is the municipal bank for the City of Los Angeles, a financial institution chartered to serve the interests of the community. It's time our banking systems evolve into institutions that put people and planet before profit.

Public Banking Institute publicbanking institute.org PBI's vision is to establish a distributed network of state and local publicly-owned banks that create affordable credit, while providing a sustainable alternative to the current highrisk centralized private banking system. This network will act in the public interest, using its counter-cyclical credit-generating capacity to stabilize potential credit crises, maintain the floor against threats of asset devaluations, build infrastructure, and fund expansion of critical industrial productive capacity.

Citizens' Infrastructure

at lands edge atlandsedge.com

at land's edge is an autonomous pedagogical platform based in East and South Los Angeles that nurtures the voices of cultural producers who are committed to social transformation

Bicycle Kitchen bicyclekitchen.com

Our mission is to promote the bicycle as a fun. safe, and accessible form of transportation, to foster healthy urban communities, and to provide a welcoming space to learn about building maintaining, and riding bicycles.

Brown Berets facebook.com/eastla.brownberets We are a new generation of Brown Berets. We believe in solidarity with all oppressed people of color who struggle for a better tomorrow.

Bus Riders Union

thestrategycenter.org/project/bus-riders-union

Recognized nationally for its historic civil rights Consent Decree and signature creative tactics, the Bus Riders Union is a multiracial dynamo of 200 active members, 3,000 dues-paying members, and 50,000 supporters on the buses of L.A. The BRU has literally saved public transportation in Los Angeles and become the country's largest grassroots mass transit advocacy organization.

CPX cleanpowerexchange.org

Clean Power Exchange (CPX) is a project of the Center for Climate Protection. Dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the Center launched CPX to accelerate the growth of Community Choice energy programs across California and beyond. Community Choice energy is the most powerful, cost-effective, local solution for significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Comida No Bombas L.A facebook.com/CNBxLA

Somos Comida No Bombas L.A., un colectivo

horizontal repartiendo comida vegana y gratis a la gente, sobre bicis. "¡Solidaridad, no caridad!" Our Points of Unity: 1. Freedom from necessity: we are moved to share the wasted abundance of food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, and education, and for all of these to be recognized, not as rights, but as basic needs; 2. CNBxLA operates on a horizontal method of self-governance. We make decisions as a collective based on the consensus of those present; 3. Braver Spaces— "speaking up when someone is out of line." We are a POC led collective, open to allies that strive to learn, practice and promote anti-sexist, anti-racist, anti-capitalist and pro-LGBTQIA/ GNC ways of being and identifying; 4. We strive to practice accountability, denying the bun tive measures of the state, and instead seek to mitigate wounds inflicted upon/by our community with regenerative intentions. We strive for a dynamic process of accountability that evolves with the issues we face as they occur; 5. Solidarity Not Charity! We recognize ourselves in common struggle with all oppressed peoples globally and historically. And although we welcome resources and collaborations with other grassroot collectives/ organizations, we are an autonomous collective ideologically distanced from the nonprofit Industrial complex; 6. Cooperation Not Incorporation. We encourage people to listen, identify and respond, by any means necessary, to the needs of their communities: 7. By providing accessibility to otherwise discarded food we work towards independence from the wasteful commercial food industry,

Community Health Councils chc-inc.org Achieve Equity to Improve Health Outcomes and well-being among Residents of South L.A.

promoting informed choices that reflect humane

and sustainable food sovereignty; 8. We en-

courage alternative methods of mobility that

free us from reliance on energy sources that

Eastside Greens of L.A. County

Informal Green group in East L.A. that among other things would like more people to have solar panels. eastsidegreensla@gmail.com

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destroy the natural world.

EJCW ejcw.org

Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) is a statewide coalition of grassroots groups and intermediary organizations building a collective, community-based movement for democratic water allocation, management, and policy in California, EJCW empowers the most underserved communities throughout California to advocate for clean, safe, and affordable water

Homeless Health Care L.A. hhclg.org

We are a community-based organization doing whatever is necessary to help homeless people secure housing and to stay housed. We collaborate with our clients to create a plan addressing their health and mental health concerns. By providing a full suite of services—such as needle exchange, overdose prevention, and Medically Assisted Treatment Therapy (MATT)—we seek to improve our clients' quality of life, which is instrumental in reducing the impact of homelessness in L.A. County.

Hood Herbalism facebook.com/pg/

hoodherbalism/about/?ref=page_internal Hood Herbalism is a community herbal education project creating spaces for people to interact with plants and learn basic herbal medicine making skills.

LACBC www.la-bike.org

The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) is a membership-based organization that works to make all communities in L.A. County healthy, safe, and fun places to ride a bike through advocacy, education, and outreach.

L.A. Community Health Project chpla.org

Services for people who use drugs: Needle exchange in Hollywood, South Los Angeles, Pico Union and Skid Row: Outreach in South L.A., Hollywood, Echo Park, Silver Lake, Westlake, Pico Union: Overdose prevention education & Naloxone in South L.A., Hollywood, Echo Park, Silver Lake, Westlake, Pico Union; Hepatitis C testing in Hollywood and Skid Row: Training and educational materials on overdose prevention and naloxone, reducing HIV, hepatitis C, abscesses and other injection and other drug use and sexual risks; Warm supportive people who are there to talk and find out how we can be helpful to you.

L.A. Mesh Network facebook.com/groups/lamesh

A group of individuals are developing an independent mesh network for L.A. A mesh network is a local network topology in which the infrastructure nodes connect directly, dynamically and non-hierarchically to as many other nodes as possible and cooperate with one another to efficiently route data from/to participants.

Los Angeles Walks losangeleswalks.org

Raising awareness of walking in L.A., and reminding people that we are all pedestrians; Ensuring Los Angeles spends the pedestrian and transportation dollars it already has and seeks further funding to improve the safety of our streets for people of all abilities; Producing and supporting events that encourage Angelenos to have fun on foot in L.A.; Growing the pedestrian advocacy movement in Los Angeles by building the Los Angeles Walks organization with a diversity of stakeholders.

L.A. Waterkeeper lawaterkeeper.org

Our Watershed Programs empower volunteers to survey and track the pollution that spills into our waterways, flows to our beaches. kills aquatic life and threatens public health. Our Community Water Watch project trains stormwater in their neighborhoods, while our River Assessment Fieldwork Teams monitor ecological health and water quality along the L.A. River. Our dive program has built a corps of dedicated divers who contribute to the protection of our coastal marine resources and represent an established community of activists trained and ready to tackle future threats to the health of our ocean.

MCM multicultimobility.org

MCM exists to improve the quality of life for underserved low-income communities of color by empowering and engaging community leaders to advocate & educate for safer bikeways, walkable communities and access to mass transit for all. MCM advocates for safe, alternative transportation access in underserved communities of color within greater Los Angeles. MCM sees bikes, access to adequate sidewalks, and mass transit options as part of the movement for social justice. We seek to create a new consciousness that allows low-income communities to be safer, healthier when biking, walking and using mass transit.

Pacific Electric Coop pacificelectric.coop

The generation and use of electricity is transitioning from public utilities to communities, and Pacific Electric Coop enables you to participate in this paradigm shift. Consumers are now incentivized to manage their energy consumption efficiently, and Pacific Electric Coop provides the tools to make that happen.

Our knowledge and experience provide our commercial and residential clients with the latest information and products to optimize your energy use and reduce your impact on the environment. Pacific Electric Coop is a worker-

PBP participatorybudgeting.org

The Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP) is a nonprofit organization that empowers people to decide together how to spend public money, primarily in the US and Canada. We create and support participatory budgeting processes that deepen democracy, build stronger communities, and make public budgets more equitable and effective.

The Public School L.A. thepublicschool.org

The Public School is a school with no curriculum. It is not accredited, it does not give out degrees, and it has no affiliation with the public school system. It is a framework that supports autodidactic activities, operating under the assumption that everything is in everything.

Worker Owned Co-ops and Collective Organizations

Chicana Motherwork chicanamotherwork.com

Chicana M(other)work is a concept, project, and collective informed by our specific gendered, classed, and racialized experiences as first generation, working class, Chicana-identified, PhD mamas from Mexican immigrant families. Chicana M(other)work offers a new interpretation of motherwork that looks at care work in a way that includes what we do in our communities through activism, self-care, healing, survival, and accountability. Together, as the Chicana M(other)work collective, we theorize, write, organize, mother, and create spaces for communal healing and care out of our shared belief that the labor of mothering is a transformative act within and beyond academia. Our collective work includes collaborative academic writing and digital media projects

Collective Avenue Coffee collective avenue coffee com

Our mission is to become the first workerowned cooperative coffee shop in Los Angeles county that focuses on providing teens and young adults a space to enjoy quality coffee and express themselves through music, art and civic engagement.

Cooperativa Tierra y Dignidad https://www.facebook.com/COITYD

Somos una cooperativa de personas que nos hemos UNIDO VOLUNTARIAMENTE para fomentar el sistema cooperativo, la educación, la formación, la solidaridad, la armonía y la ayuda mutua, bajo la adminstración y ejecución, la creación, la distribución y ejecución (con eficiencia) controlada por sus socios para producir, comercializar y proporcionar servicios financieros, de calidad, con integridad, eficiencia

Co+opportunity Market & Deli

coopportunity.com We are a community owned, socially-minded and values-based cooperative. Our customers trust us to meet their needs for healthy, convenient, fairly-priced and exceptional products in Culver City and Santa Monica.

We are a group of colleagues, friends, doula sisters, who created this collective because we believe in the value of working together. While we each own our own business, we still need backup support and a peer group, so the collective was born. We have student midwives to create democratic and locally controlled on our list, a personal chef, a menstruation educator, placenta encapsulators, childbirth educators and a lot more.

L.A. Mushroom Co-op facebook.com/LAMushroomCoop

Los Angeles based co-op dedicated to providing gourmet mushrooms, medicinal supplements, education, and landscape remediation to Los Angeles's communities.

Los Angeles Worm Farm Collective

The Los Angeles Worm Farm Collective connects marginalized communities to each other and to the opportunity to learn and use advocacy our natural environment by cultivating earthworm castings from locally-obtained organic waste matter. Our innovative cooperative business structure models new power dynamics that affirm all identities, re-envision labor, and mobilize and empower the oppressed.

Long Beach Coop longbeachgrocery.coop

Long Beach Grocery Cooperative is a memberowned and operated consumer cooperative committed to providing affordable, high quality, wholesome foods and products for healthy living.

L.A. Union Cooperative Institute luci.coop L.A. Union Cooperative Initiative's (LUCI) primary goal is to help facilitate the development

of a new worker owned economy in Los Angeles through business development, conversion of existing businesses, incubation of start-ups, outreach, education, grant writing, research, networking, legislation, lobbying, training and counseling for worker self-directed enterprise

Manos Unidas Creando Arte

Nuestras Metas son: Crear un grupo de trabajo donde caben los sueños de todos: Crear oportunidades para despertar los conocimientos v talentos: Reunir los conocimientos artísticos de la comunidad aprendiendo el uno del otro: Promover el reciclaje, rehuso, y transformación de materiales con creatividad; Crear un sistema colectivo de producción equitativo y

Ride On Bike Shop & Coop

rideonbikeshop.com/co-op/

Ride On! aims to provide the tools, space and a community environment to facilitate bike repair education. In addition to repair services. we conduct workshops on bike safety and advocate for bicycle infrastructure equity in South-West Los Angeles

RCO2 Material reuse rcotires.com

Rco works with small and medium sized tire shops to collect their waste tires for repair and reuse—diverting them from landfills and saving more than 130,000 gallons of oil every month. A worker owned coop they also manufacture products from recycled tires.

Skid Row Design Collective deptofplaces.org/

The Skid Row Design Collective is a group of advocates, artists, designers, and activists using arts and community organizing to improve public spaces in Skid Row Los Angeles.

SOLA Food Coop solafoodcoop.com

The SOLA Food Co-op is in the beginning phases of forming itself into a viable cooperatively organized business. Its goal is to create a source for natural, organic, non-GMO food in South Los Angeles.

SCFC scfcoop.southcentralfarmers.com

The South Central Farmers' Cooperative (SCFC) is a grassroots economic development project of the South Central Farmers' Health and Education Fund. It's committed to engaging and empowering community members around attaining food sovereignty and access to high quality organic produce. Our Community Supported Agriculture Program offers certified organic produce, at affordable prices. Cooperative and community members from Los Angeles, travel to our Bakersfield farm each week to plant, clean, and harvest our or

Un-named Abortion Companion Training and Collective ansisata@gmail.com

Group does trainings and organizes weekly clinic protections at abortion clinics.

Vermont Gage Carwash Cooperative

facebook.com/VermontGageCarwash So Ms. Kim, who used to own the carwash on the corner of Vermont and Gage, bounced out without paying the rent or the workers for months. She cleaned out the store and the register and disappeared. The employees came to work like WTF, capitalism sucks. But luckily because they are badass, and with the support of their union, and others like me, they took over the carwash and are now running it as a are now owners (which has good immigration deets) plus they are a model for the community jobs in the spirit of the Zapatistas.

Workers Centers

Clean Carwash Campaign cleancarwashcampaign.org

Carwasheros are real people with families to care for and they exist within communities that are often held down by an unfair economy Thus our work extends into regular advocacy in the areas of low-wage worker justice, environmental health and safety and comprehensive immigration reform. Workers are able to take tools for improving their lives and those of their

IDEPSCA idepsca.org

Instituto de Educacion Popular Del Sur De California's (IDEPSCA) mission is to create a more humane and democratic society by responding to the needs and problems of disenfranchised people through leadership development and educational programs based on Popular Education methodology. Our goal is to organize and educate immigrants concerned with solving problems in their own communities. Programs include day workers centers and The Workers Health Prorgram. We are reading realtiy to write history.

KIWA kiwa.org One of the nation's most established workers centers. KIWA is one of the few community groups organizing both Korean and Latino workers. Our vision is to bring together workers, community members, and students, in a broad multi-ethnic coalition, KIWA's primary initiatives focus on workers' rights, equitable development, and immigrants' justice.

Los Angeles Black Workers Center

lablackworkercenter.org The Los Angeles Black Worker Center develops organized power and authentic grassroots leadership among Black workers (unionized, non-union, immigrant, formerly incarcerated and the unemployed) and the extended community to reverse the disproportionate levels of unemployment and underemployment in the Los Angeles Black community.

Pilipino Workers Center pwcsc.org

So many immigrants are working in jobs that cannot meet their basic needs. They are living in unhealthy environments because they are isolated, disempowered, and overwhelmed by their daily struggle to work, and put food on the table. They become victims of wage theft, human trafficking, occupational safety hazards, unhealthy lifestyles and their own despair. PWC focuses on providing programs that help meet the immediate needs of workers and their families while at the same time building their leadership to take collective action for long lasting change.

ROC rocunited.org

The mission of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United is to ensure that all people who work in restaurants can achieve financial independence and improve their quality of life. We are over 25,000 people who work in restaurants, over 200 employers, and thousands of engaged consumers united for raising restaurant industry standards.

South Asian Network southasiannetwork.org

South Asian Network provides an open forum for people of South Asian origin to discuss social, economic, and political issues affecting the community, towards the goal of an empowered and active community. Service includes: aid and support for victims of domestic violence, health care services, and a civil rights unit.

Founded in 2013, the Women's Center For Creative Work (WCCW) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to cultivate L.A.'s feminist creative communities and practices.

Humans Rights

BASTA basta.org

BASTA operates exclusively for charitable purposes. We seek to achieve a moral and ethical society fully inclusive of immigrant rights. BASTA provides clients legal services at the same level of the big for profit law firms and zealously represent their interests within the bounds of the law, BASTA does not believe that lower-income clients deserve any less representation and aggressively litigate all cases for

Inner City Law Center innercitylaw.org

The only provider of legal services on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles. Inner City Law Center combats slum housing while developing strategies to end homelessness.

Since 1929, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) has provided civil legal aid to poor and low-income people in Los Angeles County. With five neighborhood offices, three Domestic Violence Clinics, and four Self-Help Legal Access Centers, LAFLA serves communities as diverse as East Los Angeles, the Westside, South Los Angeles, Koreatown and Long Beach. LAFLA is the first place thousands of poor people turn to when they need legal assistance for a crisis that threatens their shelter, health and

L.A. Immigrant Youth Coalition theiyc.org

The Immigrant Youth Coalition (IYC) is an undocumented and Queer/Trans youth led organization based in California. Our primary goals are to: 1. End the mass criminalization of Women, LGBTQIA, and migrant youth of color; 2. Stop all deportations in U.S. and abroad; 3. Abolish forms of incarceration/detention public or private, and ending solitary confinement; 4. End local law enforcement and Immigration Customs Enforcement(ICE) collaboration and any information sharing programs and databases; 5. Increase the resources and services invested by communities to support

Ovarian Psychos ovarianpsycos.com

13 Principles of Struggle As an Ovarian Psyco, I give my word/palabra to live my life with my feet firmly planted on my pedals, with mad heart for my xisters, my hood and my people

and with my spirit always rebellious. As part of the Ovarian-Cycle Brigade I am dedicated to making appropriate moves in an effort to: I. Maintain a brave space by and for marginalized womxn of color; 2. Encourage autonomous, models of community organizing and actions to address oppressive power structures; 3. Center our political analysis and community action to align with current struggles towards liberation; 4. Define our own course of development so that we are always serving the people first; not for social/capital gain; 5. White supremacist power structures are central organizers of violence oppressing woman of color and our communities of color, while also recognizing that brown people are vendidos too; 6. Support coalition building between other anti-capitalist collectives/circles/individuals specif-ically when politically aligned: 7. Understanding that criticism and self criticism is essential to better serve the people (kill vour ego): 8. Shared leadership development and decision making is rooted in the rotation of roles and shared labor is mandatory. 9. Recognize, resist and dismantle the power of co-optation within our movements FUK APOLOGIZERS & Fence straddlers; 10. These principles must be upheld not only in our action but in the practices within our own working circles and beyond core membership; II. Intergenerational organizing is a Fundamental guiding practice. Always recognize the needs from the elders to the seeds. The donas and the babies, from the cradle to the grave!: 12. Recognize that any and all federal or state funding come with puppet strings very difficult to detach and almost that much more impossible to maneuver with. We firmly believe in our communities capacity to build without the aid of the state, for the purpose of building outside the state. #First, The People; 13. All of

us or none. Para todxs todo o nada para nadie. -Sincerely, One Very Angry Squad

YJC youth4justice.org

The Youth Justice Coalition (YJC) goal is to dismantle policies and institutions that have ensured the massive lock-up of people of color, widespread law enforcement violence and corruption, consistent violation of youth and communities' Constitutional and human rights, the construction of a vicious schoolto-jail track, and the build-up of the world's largest network of jails and prisons. We use transformative justice and community intervention/peacebuilding, FREE L.A. High School, know your rights, legal defense, and police and court monitoring to "starve the beast"—to promote safety in our schools, homes and neighborhoods without relying on law enforcement and lock-ups, preventing system contact, and pulling people out of the system. We use direct action organizing, advocacy, political education, and activist arts to agitate, expose, and pressure the people in charge to upset power and bring about change.

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition stoplandspying.org We reject all forms of police oppression and policy that makes us all suspects in the eyes of

Prefigurative Communities

A New Way of Life anewwayoflife.org

A New Way of Life advances multi-dimensional solutions to the effects of incarceration. We provide housing and support to formerly incarcerated women for successful community re-entry, family reunification and individual healing. We work to restore the civil rights of formerly incarcerated people. We empower, organize and mobilize formerly incarcerated people as advocates for social change and personal transformation

Anahuac Urban Farming facebook.com/

Anahuac-Urban-Farming-1430756677172748 The Anahuac Cultural Center For Self Sustainability is based out of East Los Angeles, where we have a piece of land that is the foundation of our work. On this land we are building an agricultural school which will teach traditional methods of agriculture as well as a world view created by the vast richness of our indigenous ancestors. We aim to be active participants in the process of creation so that we may regain our dignity, honor and self respect that has been destroyed, altered or forgotten due to the process of colonialism and oppression

Eastside Café eastsidecafe.org We are a group of Zapatista inspired El Sereno

residents who co-facilitate a multi-disciplinary autonomous space. We are dedicated to rebuilding, reconstructing, and reclaiming our communities by creating sustainable projects and collectives to empower one another. We strive to build citywide multiethnic autonomous networks to represent the initial phase of a long-term communal development plan. We are committed to supporting an active citizenry and renewed communal identity that is continuously engaged in planning for the future through self-determination, education, cultural arts and community dialogue.

FI Hormiguero facebook com

El Hormiguero is a transformative community space and home to six creative and critical thinkers in Pacoima, CA. El Hormiguero is aligned with Zapatismo in working to create a world where many worlds fit, and learning as we go. Our work creates alternative resources for our community through action, education

healing, and transformation.

Any discussion about what the Los Angeles River is, must begin by talking about what it was. Imagine a 51 mile waterway, meandering from the San Fernando Valley to the Pacific Ocean in Long Beach. Home to bears and steel head trout, shaded by lush alder, sycamore and willow trees and providing freshwater to 14 cities in the greater L.A. area. The beauty and vitality of the river was, at one time, awe inspire ing. The Los Angeles River you see today tells a different story; for the greater part of five generations, the majority of the river has been the world's largest storm drain—a concrete blight that claims a habitat for fences, graffiti and trash. Since 1986, the Friends of the L.A. River has been devoted to restoring the L.A. River's natural habitat and is fueled by the dream of a river free from concrete

La Conxa ovarianpsycos.com

Located at 2628 E. Cesar E Chavez Ave, Ovarian Psycos headquarters, autonomous community center, and brave space in Boyle Heights Califas. La Conxa is the home to other autono mous community based collectives, instructional classes, events and workshops that aim to address the deep rooted social justice issues faced by folks of color in Los Angeles Currently, La Conxa is also the home to Clitoral Mass L.A. "Miss Negra" headquarters. It also usually serves as the start and end point of Ovarian Psyco monthly full moon womxn only rides and other events and initiatives organized by and for People of Color, Retaining autonomy is very important for the dignity, liberty, and justice of the community. Fuera a lxs vendidxs!

revolutionaryautonomouscommunities.blogspot.com Mutual Aid Action Los Angeles (M.A.A.L.A.) is a grassroots center, near Macarthur Park supporting communities - their wellbeing social movements and fruitful futures. We provide a space for a culture of mutual aid. We understand access to food, health, housing education, legal aid, art and culture as the in nate right of all people and therefore we take communal action towards meeting such needs At M.A.A.L.A we harbor a place where we the people can come together and interact beyond and against the systems that keep us separated and subjugated. Currently M.A.A.L.A provides a free and low cost food program; free and low cost clothing and blankets; home conveniences (such as furniture, and small tools); transformative justice based mediation; educational services such as college & financial aid applications support, free tutoring; ICE and police know your rights counseling: tenants rights and housing workshops and support; politica prisoner support; employment search support; art classes and exhibition space: legal aid for immigration and criminal law; translation assistance; QTPOC safe space; meeting space.

Los Angeles Eco Village laecovillage.org

Our 30 to 40 member intentional community demonstrates processes for achieving lower environmental impacts, while raising the quality of community life. We envision changing others to make more rapid and deeper changes in their living patterns.

Solidarity House of the South

solidarityhousela.wordpress.com

Casa Solidaria Del Sur is an autonomous, in tentionally people-of-color, collective rooted in resilience, feminism, decolonization, and

WORKS worksusa.org

Women Organizing Rousources Knowledge and Services (WORKS) delivers quality af fordable housing and enriched services that respond to the aspirations of the people we house. Through our support and stewardship, we build equitable, heart-based sustainable communities and encourage resident self-determination. We envision community in a way that honors our collective cultures.



We live in capitalism. Its power seems inescapable. So did the divine right of Kings.

Tracy Jeanne Rosenthal

Vivek Chibber has called neoliberalism "capitalism with its teeth bared." Yes, our rigged system has too much money and a monopoly on military force. But it also claims the power over possibility itself, over political imagination, and by that I mean, the future. Francis Fukuyama promised history was over. Margret Thatcher told us "There is No Alternative."

I wanted to write you a sci-fi dystopia. To chart the future that is already arriving, already pre-empted like our online purchases, or bought and sold and bet on like a stock. There is a market for futures. And most of them mean little more than the same old thing. I wanted to write you a sci-fi to build political will, to make you want to go back in time and change the trajectory of the present.

But we already have a secret police (we call it ICE) that targets activists and immigrants. We have one that disenfranchises, incarcerates, and kills (we call it LAPD). "Housing subsidies" or "housing choice" are our "doublespeak;" they can turn a profit while claiming to help the poor. We have a city whose schemes of economic growth rely on replacing and displacing its residents (we call it gentrification). We have a real estate developer in chief.

Yet besides the presence of dystopia, we have evidence of its opposite. We have analyses built not from data but from lived experience, of \$800 rent increases and encampment sweeps. We have a resurgence of rent strikes, boycotts, and eviction blockades. We have communities dedicated to organizing-protest's less glamorous, but more infectious twin. We have multigenerational, multilingual, and multiracial spaces, which make solidarity a daily practice. We have a movement of tenants learning and teaching their rights—especially the right to demand more.

Maybe this all risks sounding no longer like a sci-fi, but like a fable; the stuff of nightmares tends to read more like truth than the stuff of dreams. Maybe the real opposite of dystopian sci-fi is the manifesto. If we want another, better future, we have to commit to the other, better present that is already here.

We might resolve:

There is no alternative to stopping neo-nazi-liberalism.

There is no alternative to acting against gentrification, incarceration, militarized policing, deportation, environmental degradation, assault, and rape.

There is no alternative to unveiling the politics that hide in commonsense.

There is no alternative to turning our backs on the kind of expertise that wants to sell us out.

There is no alternative to reclaiming the state's function to protect the many not the few.

There is no alternative to creating living cities that accommodate people better than capital.

There is no alternative to redistributing our privileges to make room for other kinds of abundance.

As usual, the present is just the future's trial by fire. When looking for solutions, we might want to start with the unthinkable. And we might want to stop looking for someone else to do the work. Though, certainly, we don't have to go it alone.

l. This is a quote of Ursula Le Guinn. in full it reads: "We live in Capitalism. Its power seems inescapable So did the divine right of kings. Any human power can be resisted and changed by human beings