

OUR HOMES, OUR FUTURES.

All Member Assembly
February 26 - March 1, 2024
New Orleans, LA



All Member Assembly Part 1

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For the first time since Covid changed our lives, Homes for All will have an All Member Assembly in New Orleans, February 25-March 2. Homes for All is part of Right to the City, RTTC, a national housing justice organization. I have sat on the Homes for All South leadership team since February 2021. In some of my prior articles, I've taken you all with me to a few all state assemblies, but I have to admit that I am very excited for the opportunity to meet face to face with the organizers I have only seen and spoken to via Zoom these past few years. It is an honor and a privilege to share skills with amazing people all across the country who are fighting the same battles in housing that we are.

Growing up, my family never went on vacation. We didn't rush to the airport like the mad dash I saw on "Home Alone". I didn't dream that I would ever be able to travel. Buying a plane ticket was for the rich. As an adult, the idea of collaborating with people across the country was only for CEOs and executives.

Now, the possibilities are endless. Can you imagine the collective power of millions across all 50 states coming together in peaceful protest to demand equality, justice and Housing as a Human Right? The change we can create. The lives that can be improved. I go forward in hope porque todos somos esperanza.

During the Kentucky Assembly, I was able to give a presentation on Cultural Organizing. In many areas of the country, gentrification has almost erased the communities that once thrived. The example that Esperanza Peace and Justice Center has set was a moving experience to those who are looking for ideas to fight for their own barrio. For people seeking to reconnect to their roots. When I was asked to do the presentation again for the All Member Assembly in New Orleans it filled my heart with joy. Not only is it a testament to the power of skills sharing, but a great credit to our community. The strong, proud, resilient gente of the Westside. Presente!

-Look out for part 2 after the assembly!

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