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## Housing Justice Lookbook

### Available Voices for Commentary (TV, Radio, Print):



#### **Tara Raghuvver**

Housing Justice Campaign Director, People's Action  
Available from Kansas City, Missouri

Tara Raghuvver is the Housing Campaign Director at People's Action. She is also the Founder/Director of KC Tenants, where she organizes poor and working class tenants in Kansas City, and the Kansas City Eviction Project, a multi-year research project on evictions in the Kansas City metro area.

#### **TV/Radio:**

- 2/14/19 - [KCUR \(local NPR\)](#)

#### **Op-ed/Commentary:**

- 11/21/19 - [Vice News](#)
- 11/12/19 - [The Nation](#)



#### **Odessa Kelly**

Co-chair, [Stand Up Nashville](#) (Partnership for Working Families affiliate)

Available from Nashville, TN

Odessa Kelly is a Nashville native who worked for the city of Nashville for 14 yrs. prior to becoming Executive Director of Nashville. She led the campaign to bring the state of Tennessee it's first Community Benefits Agreement, securing 200 units of affordable housing in Nashvilles' rapidly gentrifying urban core.

#### **TV/radio:**

- 2/15/19 - [Fox Business News](#)



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**Cea Weaver**

Coordinator, [Housing Justice for All NY](#)

Available from New York

Housing Justice for All NY, a coalition of upstate and downstate tenant and housing organizations that recently won the strongest tenant protections in New York history. Cea led the tenant protections piece of the [Homes Guarantee](#).



**Kate S. Little**

Georgia Stand-Up

Kate serves as special projects director for Georgia STAND-UP, a think and act tank for working communities, where she focuses on housing affordability policy issues; has worked in affordable housing arena in various capacities for several decades.



**Celeste Scott**

Pittsburgh United

Celeste Scott is the Housing Justice Organizer for Pittsburgh United, a coalition of community, labor, faith, and environmental organizations committed to advancing the vision of a community

and economy that work for all people. Celeste led the fight to win Pittsburgh’s first-ever city-wide affordable housing legislation, the Housing Opportunity Fund. She previously served as a grassroots organizer in affected communities in Greater Pittsburgh with a focus on centering the narratives and lived experiences of Black womyn and femmes of color.

**Op-ed:**

- 3/24/20 - [Blavity](#)



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**Abigail "Ab" Juaner**  
Puget Sound Sage

Ab (she/they) is the Equitable Development Program Manager at Puget Sound Sage where she supports programs and campaigns that promote equity in community development. She has a background in urban planning and community organizing.



**Abdi Yussuf**  
Puget Sound Sage

Abdi (he/him) is the Equitable Development organizer at Puget Sound Sage where he organizes South CORE (South Communities Organizing for Racial & Regional Equity) a coalition of 20+ community based organizations who are the forefront of shaping the future of Seattle and voice for community-controlled and inspired development.



**Zerita Jones**  
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment

Zerita is a native of Los Angeles, and proud matriarch of her family. She is the co-founder of her local LA Tenants Union where she hosts "Renters Rights" workshops. Zerita is also on the steering committee of End Homeless Now Campaign, and founded a tenant's association of 425 units in her apartment unit to fight back.



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## **Maurice Cook**

ONE DC



Maurice Cook is a grassroots activist, a national organizer, historian and a fierce educator on all matters related to the liberation of black and brown people in Washington DC and around the world. ONE DC' mission is to exercise political strength to create and preserve racial and economic equity in Shaw and the District that is equitable for all.

## **Bertisha Combs**

New Florida Majority



Bertisha Combs was born and raised in Broward County and has one daughter. She is the South Florida Lead Organizer for the New Florida Majority, where she brings her organizing experience to increase civic engagement. Broward, like many other areas across the county, is experiencing gentrification and displacement throughout the county and Bertisha is following these issues closely. She believes that housing is a right and that in order for us all to be free, we need to start by truly understanding each other and coming up with concrete solutions in this fight for our lives.

## **LaLo Montoya**

Make The Road Nevada



LaLo, the Political Director at Make The Road Nevada, has been organizing for immigrant and workers rights since his sophomore year of high school. During the 2019 Nevada legislature MRNV members pushed for and won policies around paid sick days, expansion of immigrant rights, tenant protections, and eviction reform. His passion is seeing people step into their own power and advocating for themselves, their family and their community.