

YOU CAN'T VOTE AGAINST A YUPPIE TAKEOVER

While working people usually see a house as a place to live, a necessity, real estate speculators see land as a source of profit- buy low, run up the price, sell high. It's no accident when working class folks and students get run out of their neighborhood by rising rents, evictions, demolitions, and heavy-handed cops. Predatory realtors, conniving developers, and their buddies in the government engineer things so they can make money by selling the neighborhood off to yuppies. Yuppies don't want to live in your neighborhood- they want to live in THEIR neighborhood, where your neighborhood USED TO BE.

You won't get a chance to vote on how you feel about it at the polls, though. A politician who doesn't play the gentrification game with rich developers won't last very long in politics. No, if we want to keep our neighborhoods affordable and livable, we'll have to take matters into our own hands.

Here are some direct action techniques to fight gentrification:

- MAKE YUPPIES FEEL UNWELCOME
- UNDERMINE PUBLIC SURVEILLANCE
- GRAFFITI -LITTER -VANDALISM -SQUATTING
- BEFRIEND LOCAL HOMELESS FOLKS
- RENTERS' UNIONS -COLLECTIVE LIVING
- PROTECT & MAINTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD DIVERSITY
- GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS
- SHOP LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES & BOYCOTT CHAINSTORES
- HOLD GREEDY/UNETHICAL REALTORS, DEVELOPERS, & POLITICIANS PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE

- VACANT LAND MAKES GREAT COMMUNITY GARDENS & PEOPLE'S PARKS
- COOPERATIVE HOUSING
- COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS

RECLAIM THE COMMONS!

More info:

Phoenix Anarchist Coalition: www.phoenixanarchist.org

Mission Yuppie Eradication Project: www.infoshop.org/myep.html

Squatting: www.squat.net

Long-term community solutions: www.practicalanarchy.org/catch.html