

Cover Image**Aqui Manda El Pueblo Music Video Shoot**

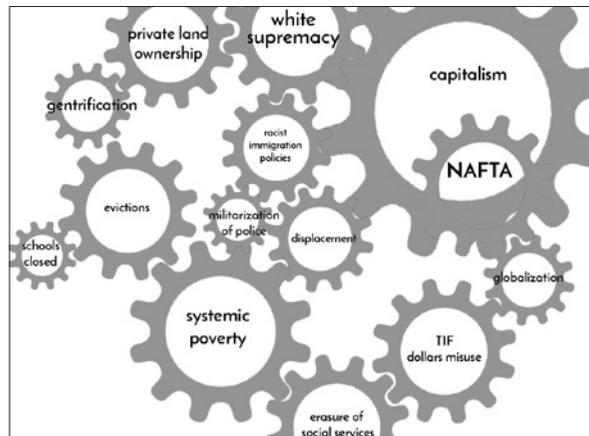
In collaboration with teacher and performing artist, Isaura Flores, youth, Parents, teachers, organizers, space holders, and artists were invited to record and choreograph a performance to create a music video. This video was created to promote existing opportunities for youth in Pilsen, as well as a call to invest time and resources in new programs.

Gentrification is the result of using decades of urban planning to create luxury enclaves in order for areas to be desirable to the wealthy populace! When we use the word gentrification in this zine, it is meant to dispute the myth of drastic socioeconomic/demographic shifts in neighborhoods as a natural phenomenon.

Although this was created for Pilsen, we acknowledge a shared history of resistance with other areas of Chicago.

For a moment, we ask that you step a little further away from the individual "gentrifier" who is waiting for property values to rise and capitalize off displacement.

We do this so you can see this polarizing issue in the context of it being one of the many forces in the system of global power.



If you aren't careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.
-Malcolm X

The true focus of revolutionary change is never merely the oppressive situations which we seek to escape, but that piece of the oppressor which is planted deep within each of us, and which knows only the oppressors' tactics, the oppressors' relationships.-Audre Lorde

1 Bruce London and J. John Palen, *Gentrification, Displacement and Neighborhood Revitalization*. Albany: State Univ. of NY, 1984, p.6

How to throw a wrench in the cog +

Barter with your friends and neighbors
Divest from big banks
Support a time-bank (a model used to trade skills instead of money)
Support the existing businesses, not just the latest trendy spot
Shop local and sustainable
Read, collaborate, and share resources
Get to know your neighbors (new folx: not just the other new arrivals)
Learn the history of Pilsen, the West and South Side of Chicago from Latinx, Indigenous, Black folx
Don't call the cops on your neighbors
Support and create alternatives to current systems
Self-love, self-care, think critically
Don't rent from developers who evicted people to "redevelop"
Learn about how gentrification has played out in the other parts of the city and world!

How to infiltrate the machine +

Who is the alderman and what do they control?
Learn about other city, state, county or ward specific positions
What does the Cook County Assessor do?
Learn about other alternatives to electoral politics
What are the policies currently preventing equity?
Stay informed about the 25th ward 2019 Alderman race
Join your Local School Council

Who's doing this work +

(Time Banking)
@KolaNotCollab Kola Nut Collaborative

(Volunteer-run spaces addressing multiple needs of the community)
@thepilsenalliance
WorkingFamilySolidarity.com

(Other organizers to support)
@ChiResists
@chicagocopwatch

(Chicago Aldermanic Race Info)
WardGuard.com
25th Ward IPO

(Other initiatives to explore)
Universal Basic Income
Lift the Ban (Rent Control)

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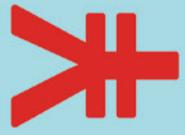
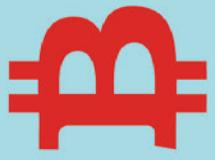
1 List inspired by "DontBeAwful." Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, antieviction-map.com/dontbeawful



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