



# DSA Housing Justice Commission/Comisión para Vivienda con Justicia de DSA



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## So how does ETOC work?

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### Step 1: Application

Gather a group of comrades together (we recommend at least 3, but the more the better) who want to form a tenant union organizing cadre and apply to ETOC together.

### Step 2: Education

You and your cadre attend the four training sessions together. Here you will learn about housing as a site of class struggle, how to draft points of unity, how to plan and manage a building campaign, and much, much more!

### Step 3: Mentorship

After your cadre finishes the training sessions, you may apply for mentorship, where an experienced tenant union organizer and fellow ETOC graduate will help you along finalizing your tenant formation and starting your first organizing campaign. Mentorship will be provided for 2 months.

## Step 4: Night School

After your 2 month mentorship, your new tenant organizing cadre will gain access to the ETOC Night School. These will be regular meetings held every first Wednesday of the month where ETOC graduate cadres across the country can meet to discuss successes and difficulties, strategies and theories, and generally provide support to one another as we build and develop the tenant union movement.

***And there: you have a brand new autonomous tenant union!***

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## ETOC Reach Since 2022



74

DSA chapters represented



680

## Attended cohort training



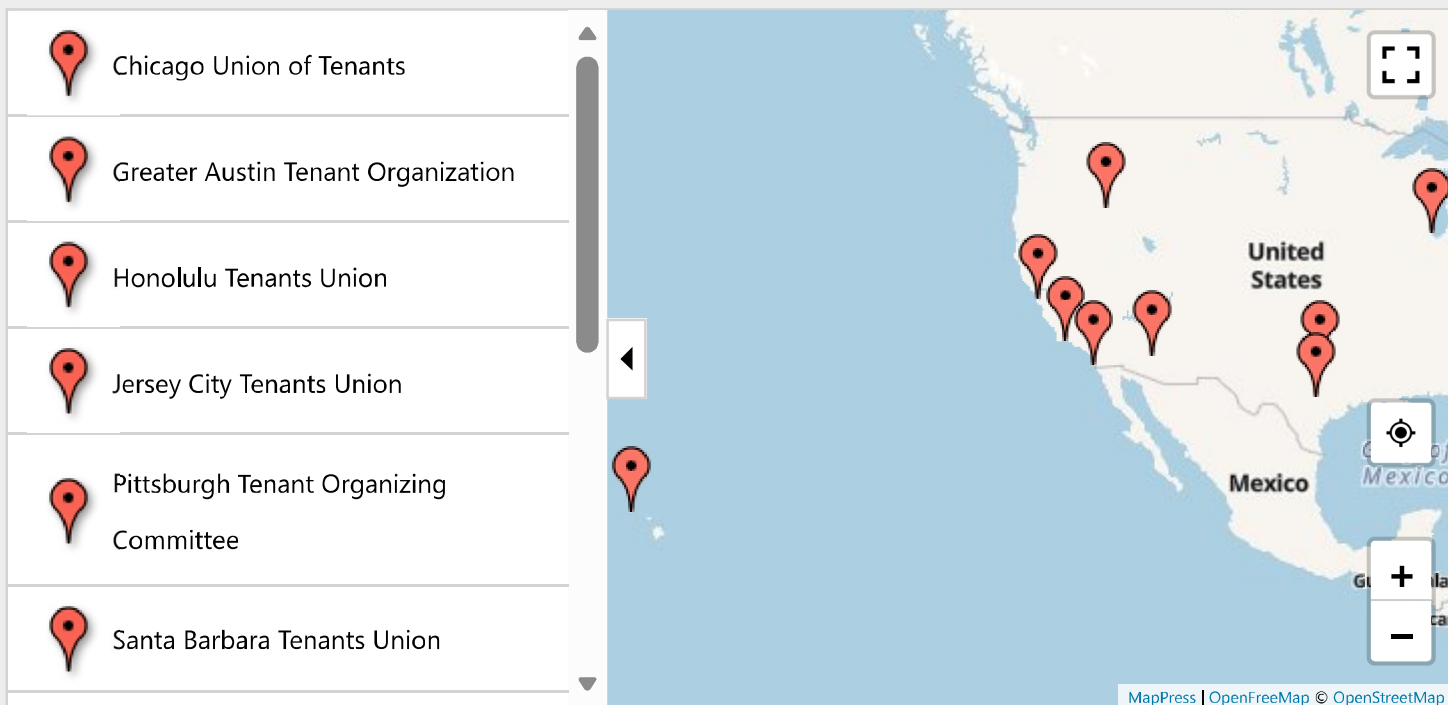
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## Mentorship cohorts

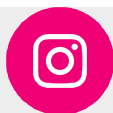


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## New tenants unions



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The [Emergency Tenant Organizing Committee](#) program is an ambitious plan to build an *outward-facing tenant unionization effort* by training and mentoring DSA members & their comrades participating in tenant organizing **all** across the United States.

Our goal is to help you and your comrades *build new tenant unions* and *contribute to those already existing* in a particular region or city.

We do this to create new working class organizations that will *educate, train, and mobilize tenants towards militant struggle* against landlords, developers and other real estate capitalists.

Our end goal is the *abolition of private ownership over land and shelter* and its replacement with *social housing*.

Through development of this rigorous tenant organizing project, ETOC seeks to strengthen the internal coherence & collective purpose of [DSA Housing Justice Commission](#).

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As ETOC continues to grow, it also evolves depending on the needs of the movement. Recently, the HJC has been actively developing, along with several interested DSA chapters, a new formation: ***the local ETOC branch!***

In its original inception, ETOC was for DSA chapters and unaffiliated tenants across the country who did not already have a local tenant union. ***But the question naturally arises: can ETOC be applied to chapters/cities with an established TU?*** This is what we hope to explore with the nascent ETOC Branch system.

This project is still in an experimental stage, however, so we will need to hear from interested comrades. ***Do you have a tenant union in your town? Do you have a housing justice or tenant organizing working group looking for a project? Would your DSA chapter like to contribute to and strengthen your local tenant union?***

Email the HJC and let's talk!



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