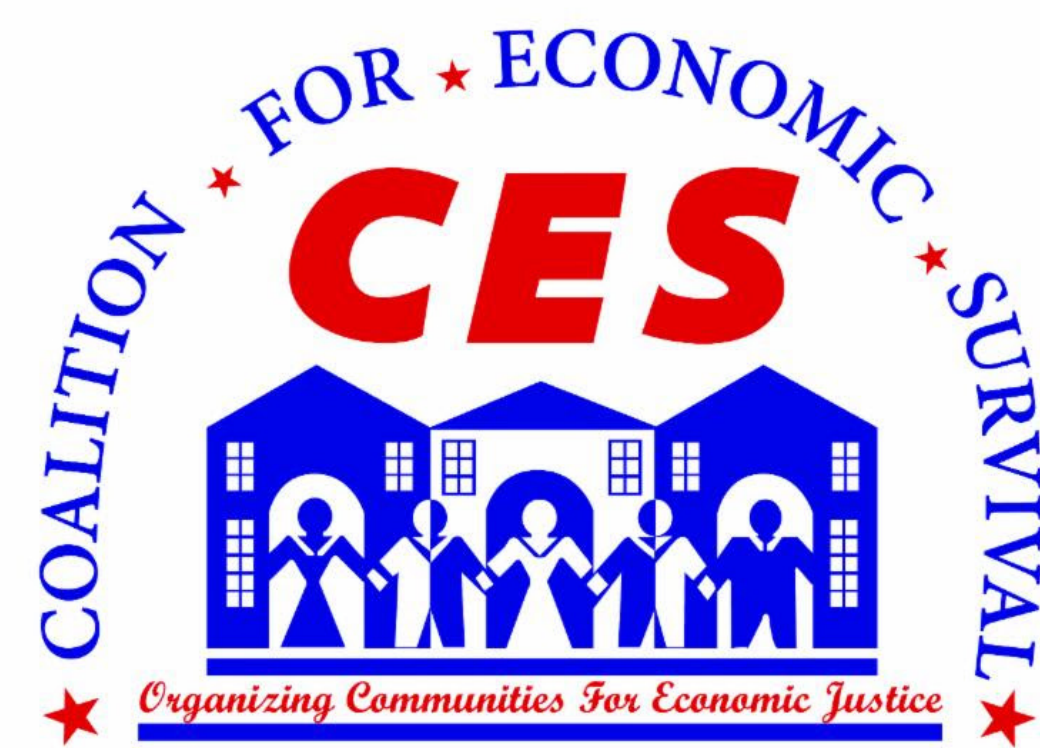


## INTRODUCTION

The Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) works to empower tenants and protect their rights to healthy, safe and affordable housing. CES began organizing tenants in the mid 1970s in response to rising rents. Tenant organizing remains a critically important method of fighting against for-profit development, gentrification, rent gauging and landlord abuses that endanger and displace tenants, especially low-income and BIPOC tenants.



## STRATEGIES

- Organizing and Mobilizing (CES trains tenants to protect their rights and assists in the creation of participatory tenant organizations)
- Direct services (CES advises tenants, provides legal counseling through Tenant Rights Clinics and conducts code inspections)
- Advocacy (CES pushes governing bodies to pass more equitable housing policies)



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## INTERNSHIP

Main responsibilities:

- Creating infographics about COVID-19 Emergency Tenant Protections
- Advising tenants over the phone and referring them to the Tenant Rights Clinic
- Developing virtual education workshops



## BIG PICTURE

CES is part of a housing justice movement that envisions a world where housing is understood as a human right and public good rather than a means of private profit. Housing justice is an intersectional issue connected to the fights for:

- Racial justice
- Redistribution of wealth
- Environmental justice
- Labor rights
- Police and prison abolition
- + more!

