Under capitalism, housing is treated as a commodity to be bought and sold for the profit of landlords and corporations. As a result, hundreds of thousands of people are homeless while millions of homes are vacant.

The homeless become desperate. Many resort to a life of petty crime just to survive. The only solution is the abolition of the system of commodified housing. Ultimately, only socialism can solve the housing problem in America.

While we are building towards socialism, the immediate demands of the PCUSA are as follows:

- The federal guarantee of public housing to all.
- The federal prohibition of evictions and foreclosures by any individual or private entity owning one or more vacant residential properties in the US and outlying territories.
- The establishment of a national bureau that deals with the seizure of abandoned housing for the purpose of securing housing for all.
- The creation of a federal public works project tasked with the construction and continued maintenance and improvement of sufficient public housing for all US residents.
- The federal prohibition of hostile architecture on public property, and of single-use zoning on private property.
- An amendment to the US Constitution to have housing as a right for all.
- Transfer money from the bloated US Military budget to these programs.

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PEOPLE, NOT PROFITS
Housing is a Human Right
Homeless and Tenants Unions

A union is a group of people united in pursuit of a common goal or in service to common interests. Members of a union have the ability to negotiate with existing powers from a position of strength, where individually their concerns may typically be ignored.

A homeless union is composed of homeless and formerly homeless people, fighting for the interests of the homeless community as a whole. These unions typically seek to secure adequate housing for their members, as well as an alleviation to any suffering which results from a lack of housing.

A tenants' union is composed of the tenants of a given rental property or complex, fighting against their exploitation at the hands of landlords. These unions typically seek a reduction of rents and an improvement in living conditions for the tenants.

Homeless and tenants' unions play a crucial role in the struggle against capitalism. If you are interested in forming any such union, reach out to the PCUSA today and find out what you need to do to get started.

Supporting homeless unions has material benefits that help the homeless community fight the forces that keep them immiserated.

We see this playing out in Kansas City where their homeless union gathered hundreds of homeless people in front of the city courtyard.

There, they demanded that the city treat them with more dignity by creating initiatives that would house the homeless.

This kickstarted negotiations with the mayor to implement these initiatives. It also sparked international recognition that is inspiring other homeless unions to organize and demand the social change that all people deserve in our modern society.