



ACORN Canada





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- ACORN Canada is a **community union we are a tenant union.**
- We are a national membership-based organization for low- and moderate-income people!
- **We are Building Power** for low and moderate income people to win!
Money or **People**
- We are a multi-issue organization - so we often work on a bunch of different issues but sometimes **we all come together and that's Powerful!**
- We now have over 160,000 members across the country!



ACORN members coast to coast!

24

Chapters

10

Cities

160,000+

Members

Halifax, New Brunswick, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Peel, Hamilton, London, Calgary and Metro Vancouver!

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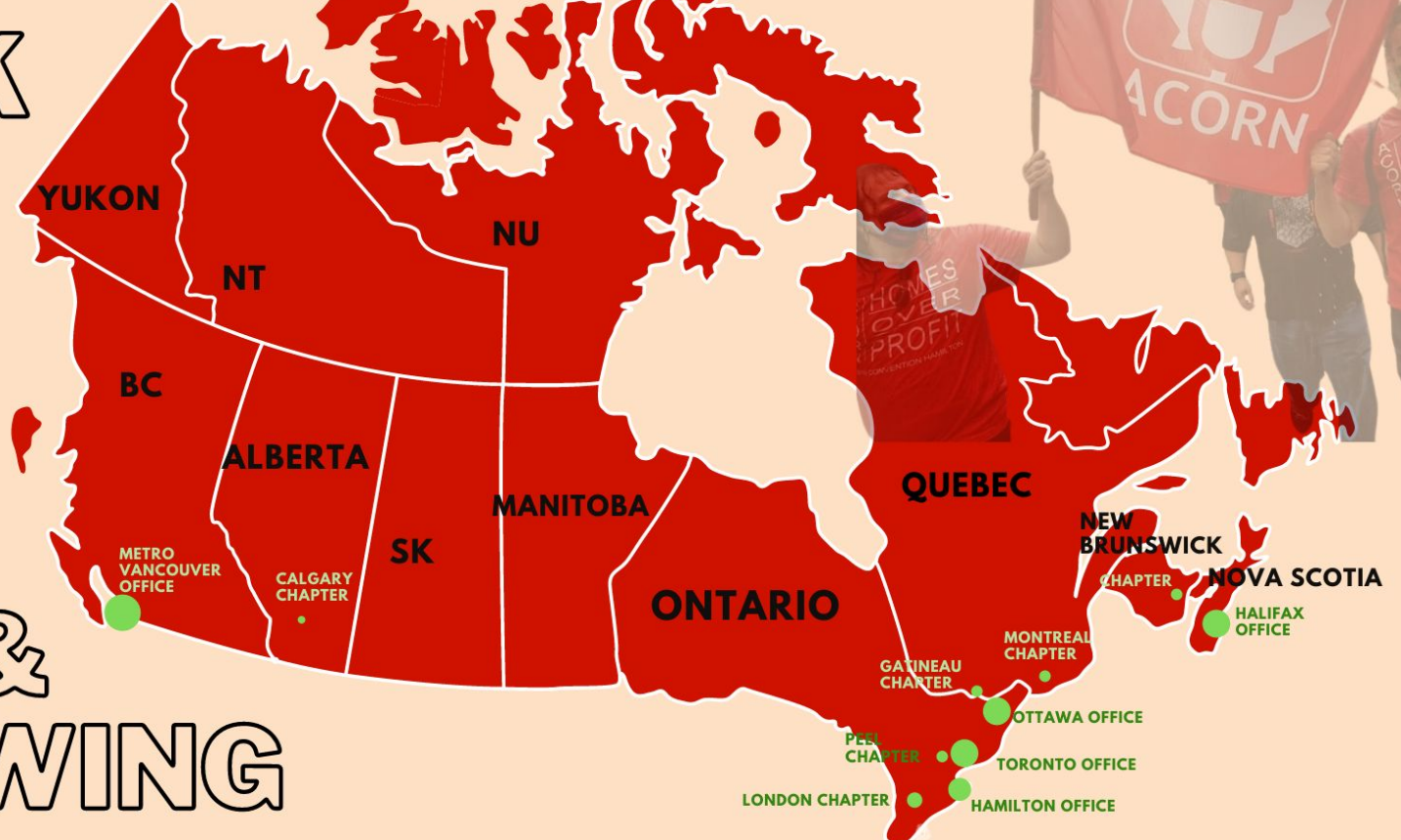
160K
MEMBERS

24+
CHAPTERS

10
CITIES

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GROWING



Principles and Foundations of Community Unionism and ACORN

- 1) **Growth:** If you're not growing, you are dying
- 2) **Self-sufficiency** ensures survival - whoever pays controls!
- 3) **Co-ordinated autonomy** is key: we balance local autonomy with national co-ordination on campaigns.
- 4) Issues are a **vehicle for building more power**. We aren't afraid to fight! No single issue is the sole goal.
- 5) **Actions** are crucial and the lifeblood of the organization. Collective Action Works!
- 6) **Leadership is shared and functional;** every member has leadership potential. Organize against conflict. Work on issues that unite us!
- 7) **Accountability:** ACORN is **owned by its members** and democratically elected leaders.

ACORN – AIC – Political Action Committee

ACORN Institute
Canada

Board:

Pascal Apuwa

Peter Gardner

Alejandra Ruiz Vargas

*Marie-Lourde Garnier

ACORN Canada
Board and Members

Board:

Tabitha Naismith

Monica Bhandari

Marva Burnett

Bader Abu-Zahra

Hannah Wood

Lisa Hayhurst

ACORN's Political
Action COmmittee

FAIR CREDIT
FAIR BANKING
ACORN

It Shouldn't
Be
Expensive
To Be
Poor
ACORN

END
TWO-TIER
BANKING
ACORN

BANKS
ARE
ROBBING
US BLIND
ACORN

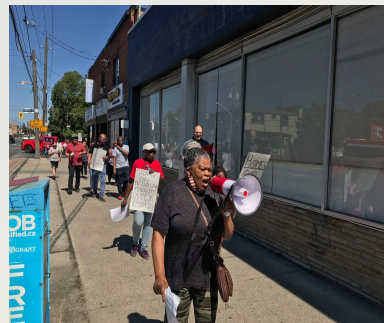
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610

Events

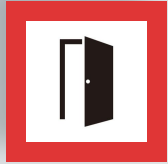


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**People
Turnout**



MEMBERS



**Doors
Knocked**

70,000



**New Full
Members**

673



**New Associate
Members**

567



**New
Provisional
Members**

10,207



National events

ACTION


3



**National
Days of
Action!**

Convention

1



**National
Convention
200 members
coast to coast!**

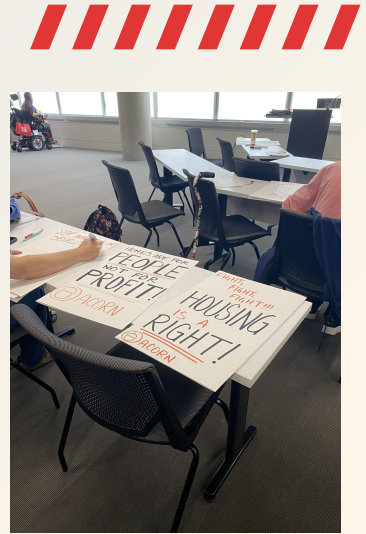
**National
Phoneblitz**

3





National Convention 160 members - 3 days



CRED
was



244

Press Hits

Will feds keep their promise to crack down on predatory lending?

BY LYDIA LOMO MAY 22, 2022

The pandemic has clearly reinforced the inequities in our system. Time to make fair banking essential for people who need it most.



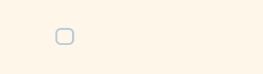
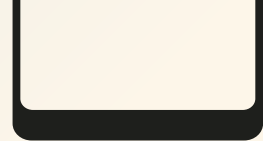
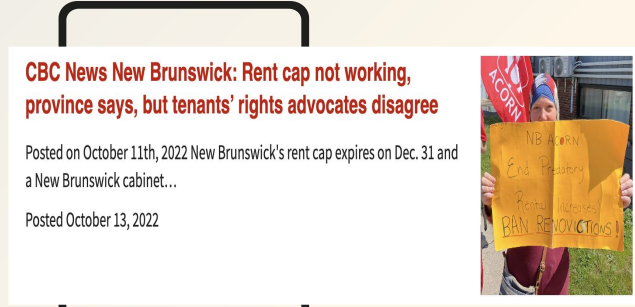
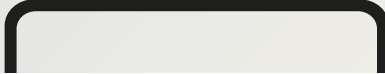
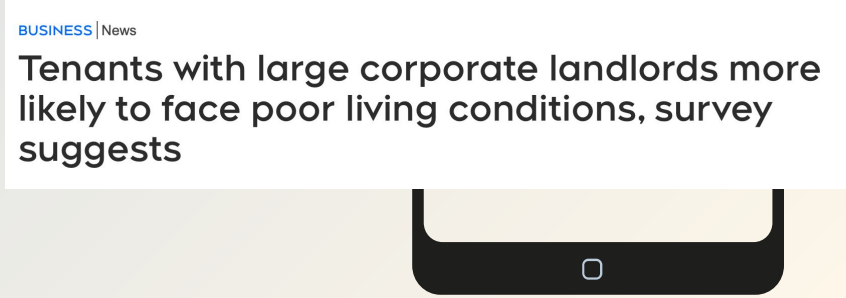
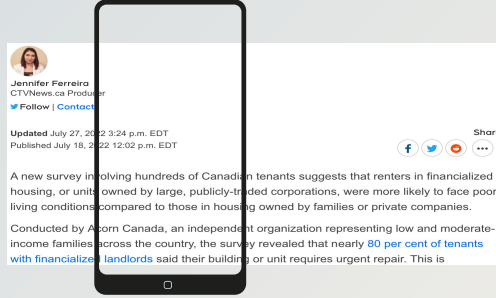
After years of fair banking campaigning, ACORN Canada secured a commitment from the Trudeau government—both in the Liberals' election platform as well as now in the mandate letter of Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland—to crack down on

ACORN Canada protests Public Sector Pension Investment Board's stakes in 'exploitative financialized housing'

By KEVIN PHILIPPILLAI JULY 5, 2022

Affordable housing advocates say pension funds are part of a trend of investment capital rushing into the rental housing sector after the 2007-2008 U.S. financial crisis, in ways that are causing problems for tenants.







National Campaigns

- Housing
- Fair Banking
- Internet for all
- Modernize EI

ADD YOUR VOICE FOR
FAIR LENDING!

Federal Consultations Happening Now



Video Summary

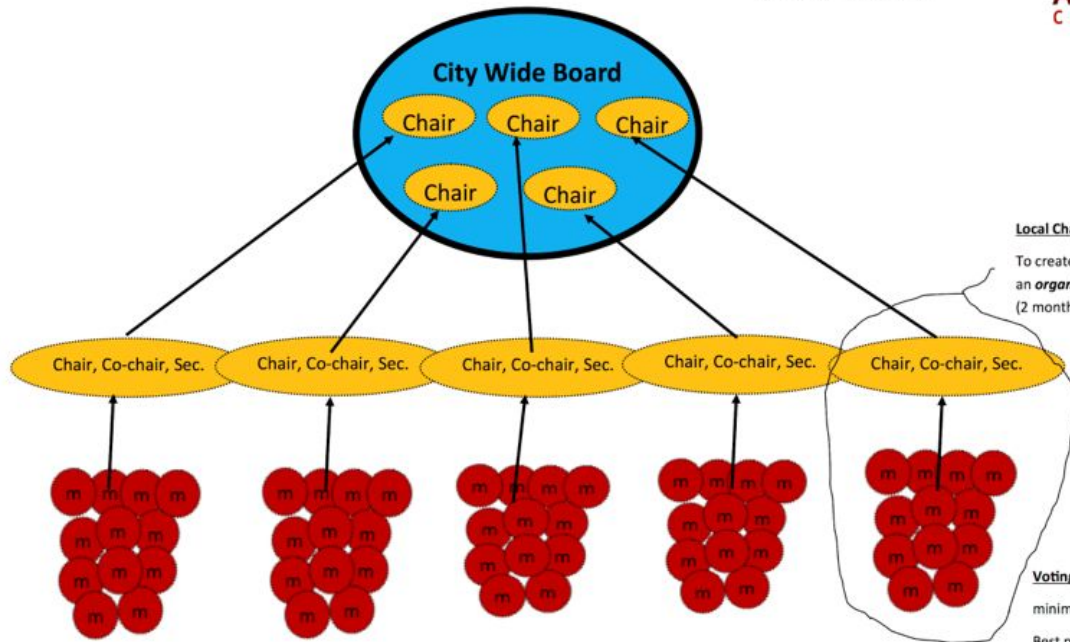
<https://acorncanada.org/news/throwback-2022-acorns-struggles-victories/>

The End

Local Structure

Local Board Structure

To have standing:
locally you need 3 chapters



Local Chapter:
To create undertake
an **organizing drive**
(2 months)

Voting members:
minimum 10
Best practices 30

ACORN National Board Structure

