



Join WEAP and Michigan in The Fight for Human Rights!

Is Gentrification and Displacement coming to Your Town?

WEAP stands in solidarity with community leaders in Michigan in the ongoing fight against the Emergency Manager system and corporate dictatorship aimed at stripping away the rights of poor and working people.

Michigan law replaces democratically elected officials with Emergency Managers and gives them the power to sell off public property, shut down schools and cancel union contracts.

Such strategies, driven by profit-hungry corporations, are quickly becoming the reality for many regions across the nation including the Bay Area. The goal: gentrify working class folks out of their neighborhoods and increase privatization of public operations.

In Michigan the corporate goals include silencing community protesters like Benton Harbor's [Reverend Edward Pinkney](#), who was arrested and is facing trial on phony charges of voter fraud. He was ordered not to use his computer or the Internet. He could get 25 years if convicted.



The corporate state of Michigan is continuing its human rights abuses by denying water to thousands of Detroit families for the sin of being poor! The aggressive shut-off campaign could impact 200,000 residents in attempts to recoup \$90.3 million in past-due bills. Meanwhile commercial businesses like Detroit's high-end golf club that also owe past due bills are not being affected by shutoffs.

Detroit borders the Great Lakes system, containing 21 percent of the world's surface freshwater. The lakes are the source of the city's water supply, but a growing number of residents can't turn on the tap.

WEAP is urging you to co-sponsor a speaking engagement for two community leaders from Michigan to come to the Bay Area and share lessons regarding human rights abuses in Austerity, privatization, water shutoffs and threats and punishment to leaders like Reverend Pinkney who dare to stand up and fight these conditions.

Please Join WEAP in building a transformative movement, fighting for our human rights and developing public ownership solutions to the terrors we face from Michigan to California!