THE UNION OF THE DISPOSSESSED FOUNDATION

Constitution

1. Name

1.1 The name of the Society is THE UNION OF THE DISPOSSESSED FOUNDATION.

2. Purposes

2.1 The Society seeks to reduce the suffering of those who suffer most through the following purposes:

(a) to organize and support persons experiencing poverty, homelessness, precarious tenancy, displacement, criminalization, institutionalization, and other forms of systemic dispossession, so that persons directly affected may participate meaningfully in decisions that affect them;

(b) to relieve poverty and conditions associated with homelessness and housing insecurity by providing or supporting mutual aid, peer support, food security, housing assistance, community safety, practical services, and pathways to greater social and economic security;

(c) to advance education by conducting research and providing workshops, training, publications, public forums, and other educational programs concerning poverty, housing, human rights, civic participation, economic inclusion, and community self-governance;

(d) to promote human dignity, social inclusion, civic participation, access to justice, and equal protection under the law, including by undertaking lawful public-interest advocacy consistent with the Society's purposes;

(e) to provide or support practical training, leadership development, employment preparation, cooperative enterprise, and other initiatives that increase agency, productive capacity, and economic inclusion; and

(f) to acquire, hold, improve, steward, lease, and manage land, housing, facilities, and other assets for affordable housing, poverty relief, education, community benefit, and other purposes of the Society, without private gain to members.