Inequality and Democracy Research Fellowship Program

Anti-Eviction Mapping Project

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Title of research project: Displacement and Resistance Data Visualization in Los Angeles

Scope of research:
The research fellow will be tasked with contributing to AEMP’s ongoing data analysis and visualization projects around various topics, which include our Rent Control for All tool, our project assessing the impact of short-term rentals on housing speculation, and the contemporary and historical relationship between gentrification and policing. The fellow will be responsible for attending various community meetings as well as developing working relationships with our community organization partners. They will be expected to work with those community organization partners to track and analyze the source and impact of displacement, as it pertains to one of these or another specified topic.

1) Rent Control for All – Tracking, analyzing, and visualizing renter protections and campaigns for rent control across the state of California. Partner Org: Tenants Together.
2) Short-Term Housing and Speculation – Documenting and analyzing the impact and presence of short-term rentals in contest to Los Angeles bid to host the Olympics in 2028. Partner Org: No Olympics.
3) Displacement through Predictive Policing – Mapping and examining the trends, patterns and legitimizing narratives around predictive policing policies as deployed by LAPD. Partner Org: Stop LAPDSpying.

Location of research and other activities:
The research fellow can expect a mix of supervised and unsupervised work each week. Location of research activities will be varied, including supervised work at AEMP’s members’ offices, attendance at community meetings, and unsupervised work from home. Fellows will be expected to attend our general meeting potlucks on the first Sunday of each month at an AEMP member’s home.

Research methods to be used:
The research fellow will be asked to complete various research tasks (depending on interest of topic) that include canvassing and surveying for short term rentals, working with raw data on the location of short-term rentals, mapping renter protection policies and campaigns, evaluating and analyzing rent control policy as well as campaigns for rent
control policy across various municipalities, analyzing and coding archived interviews, mapping and analyzing policing impact zones, etc.

**Deliverables:**
The research fellow is expected to make the research and data collected during their tenure with AEMP accessible to a general public. The fellow will be expected to produce maps and other visuals that demonstrates the breadth and impact of the data. AEMP would also like for the fellow to draft and work collectively with AEMP’s members and community organization partners to create public education pieces. In tandem with the visualized data, the public education pieces are intended to shape a narrative around the data that will promote racial and economic justice in Los Angeles.

**Qualities of the research fellow:**

*Required:*
  - Knowledge and experience with one or more data analysis and visualization tools
    - GIS, Stata, R, Python, etc.
  - Knowledge and experience with tenants’ rights and tenants’ rights groups
  - Understanding of housing policy and government administration
  - Political commitment to racial and economic justice

*Strongly Preferred:*
  - Ability to work independently and under self-direction
  - Capabilities in website design
  - Experience working with archives