Tenant and resident militancy for housing justice: an exchange between Amanda Huron and Neil Gray

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Abstract
In this conversation, RHJ editors have asked Amanda Huron and Neil Gray to reflect on their approach to strategies and histories of tenant and resident militancy and what lessons can be learnt from the past to shed light on contemporary housing struggles.

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