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Political Groundwork in Massachusetts

Urgent pressure is needed in 2021 to turn back a nascent proto-fascist mass movement

and to further convert this past summer’s uprisings into real policy change. In this issue of *Mass Dissent*, we gathered statements from our community partners – social justice organizations on the frontlines – to give their perspective on the year ahead.

was an opportunity to pass historic reform. Community demands were concrete and direct, and would have produced immediate results: ban pretextual stops, eliminate the power to arrest for driving offenses, repeal mandatory minimums, end cash bail, abolish qualified immunity, among others. Instead, the Legislature wound a series of bills through conference committees, ending with a law that achieved none of the above. The new “police reform” law is largely bureaucratic: a new commission to certify police officers through complex legal procedures, new multi-factored use of force standards which officers are to apply when making split second decisions, and new commissions to study various aspects of policing, among other things.

Three themes emerge from the current moment. First, last summer’s mass movements for Black lives inspired many to action, raised thousands of dollars for things such as bail and mutual aid, and spurred legislative initiatives to protect oppressed peoples.

Second, while these actions were necessary and courageous, the results were mixed. For example, after police officers murdered George Floyd, Massachusetts legislators lined up to mouth their support for Black lives, insisting that this

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Mass Defense Committee:

The Committee consists of two sub-committees: (1) "Legal Observers" who are trained to serve as NLG Legal Observers at political demonstrations and (2) "Mass Defense Team" (criminal defense attorneys) who represent activists arrested for political activism. To get involved, please contact the NLG office.

Street Law Clinic Project:

The Street Law Clinic project was established in 1989. It provides legal clinics and workshops in Massachusetts to address legal needs of various communities. Legal educational clinics and workshops on 4th Amendment Rights (Stop & Search) and Direct Action are held at community organizations, youth centers, labor unions, schools and shelters. If you are an NLG member and would like to lead a clinic or workshop, please contact the NLG office (nlgmass-director@riseup.net).

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NLG National Immigration Project (NIP):

NLGNIP works to defend and extend the human and civil rights of all immigrants, documented and undocumented. Located in Washington, DC, NLGNIP works in coalition with community groups to organize support for immigrants' rights in the face of right-wing political attacks. For more information contact 617-227-9727.

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IC supports legal work around the world "to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests." It plays an active role in international conferences, delegations and on-going projects that examine and seek to remedy conditions caused by illegal U.S. or corporate practices. IC has done work in Cuba, the Middle East, Korea, Haiti, and other countries. For more info go to <https://nlginternational.org>.

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GUILD CALENDAR

NLG ANNUAL MEETING

The Chapter's Annual Meeting will be held in March *via* Zoom. At the meeting we'll hear short reports from our committees about the political and legal work we do and we'll conduct the election of the Chapter's Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

NLG-Mass Chapter member in good standing (dues paying) for at least one preceding year are eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in serving on the NLG-Mass Chapter's Board of Directors, or if you would like to nominate another NLG-Mass

Chapter member, please fill out the form that was emailed to you in mid-January and **email it back to the NLG-Mass Chapter office (nlgmass-director@riseup.net) by Monday, March 15, 5:00 pm.**

NLG-Mass Chapter members who would like to participate in the Annual Meeting should RSVP to nlgmass-director@riseup.net in order to receive a Zoom link for the meeting.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Zoom

NLG HAPPY HOUR

NLG "Think & Drink" *Happy Hour* is held quarterly on the **2nd Wednesday of January, April, September, and November**. The event brings together legal professionals and activists to discuss current political and legal topics. If you have ideas for a presentation or would like to be a speaker, please call the NLG office at 617-227-7335.

NLG BOARD MEETING

NLG-Mass Chapter members are invited to participate in monthly meetings of the Chapter's Board of Directors. The meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday of the month** (except July and August), from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**, at the NLG Office (41 West St., Suite 700, Boston). Please notify the office if you plan to attend.

ARTICLES FOR MASS DISSENT

The April issue of *Mass Dissent* will focus on **the housing crisis in the time of the pandemic.**

If you are interested in submitting an article, essay, analysis, or art work related to the topic, please e-mail your work to nlgmass-director@riseup.net.

The deadline for articles is March 10.

Political Groundwork in Massachusetts

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In the field of immigration, our immigrant rights partners are also guarded but determined. For example, though we lamented the fact that the Legislature failed to pass a proposed bill to allow driver's licenses for all Massachusetts residents and a second bill that would have ended local law enforcement cooperation with ICE, the Legislature referred two such bills out of committee last year and approved them for passage for the first time.

Nationally, there is little illusion that an incoming Democratic president will offer immediate relief. It was a Democratic administration that built the modern deportation machine which was handed to Trump. Compared to the early years of the George W. Bush presidency, under Obama and Biden the budget for enforcement grew from about \$4.9 billion to \$18 billion, the police-ICE collaboration programs spread from 14 counties under Bush to nearly every U.S. jurisdiction, and within his first two years in office the Obama-Biden administra-

tion doubled the number of individuals federally prosecuted for no other crime than crossing the border. When a young immigrant rights leader asked a campaigning Joe Biden last spring to take responsibility for the 3 million people he deported, then-candidate Biden refused and told the organizer that if he didn't like it, he could "Vote for Trump."

At the local level, there are opportunities to protect our immigrant neighbors in Massachusetts, and the legislative push will continue as a new House Speaker, Ron Mariano, takes over for Robert DeLeo.

The final theme was on the need for sustained pressure. Even with a new presidential administration, pundits have already begun pushing a "give them a chance" narrative. We have been here before. Democrats held unified legislative control from 2008 to 2010. Instead of action, they leaned on progressive talking points, refused to prosecute Bush officials for various war

crimes, failed to bail out working people, and insisted that weak-centrism was needed to hold onto a congressional majority, a majority which the Democrats then lost anyway in the 2010 midterm elections.

We know that we must keep up the fight. To this end, the housing rights group City Life/Vida Urbana has employed a strategy which they call "the sword and the shield" – public protest and public pressure combined with legal defense. This strategy has mobilized hundreds of participants, staved off evictions and won collective bargaining agreements between owners and their tenants.

The NLG-Mass Chapter is truly inspired and takes heart from our courageous partners, and we look forward to providing whatever support we can offer to the Massachusetts activists in the months ahead.

*- Zach Lown -
Member of the NLG-Mass
Chapter Board of Directors*

GUILD NEWS

Hepatitis C in the Department of Correction

We want to hear from you if you are (or were) a prisoner in the Department of Correction and have concerns about Hepatitis C, including if:

- You have asked to be tested for Hepatitis C but have been denied testing;
- You have Hepatitis C but have not been evaluated recently, or told whether and when you will be treated for it;
- You have Hepatitis C and have not been assigned priority level for treatment; and/or
 - You have other questions or concerns about Hepatitis C treatment.

Prisoners' Legal Services and the National Lawyers Guild are monitoring the settlement in Fowler v. Tureo, a class action concerning the testing, evaluation, and treatment of Hepatitis C in the DOC. The Settlement calls for universal testing for Hepatitis C (the prisoner can decline testing,) regular assessments of those who have Hepatitis C to determine their priority level for treatment, and treatment to be given within certain time frames to those who qualify. The settlement also limits the reasons why the DOC can deny treatment to prisoners who otherwise qualify for it.

If you have questions or concerns about Hepatitis C, please contact PLS or NLG with as much detail as you can give about your specific issue:

PLS: 617-482-2773 NLG: 617-227-7335

Street Law Clinic Report

The following clinics and trainings were conducted since last issue of Mass Dissent:

December 12: *Legal Observing* at an action and march in Boston to address climate change, organized by Boston DSA Eco-Socialism Working Group, by **Joseph Lake, Karry Muzzey, and Asya Rosental.**

January 6, 2021: *Legal Observing* in Newton against police brutality, by **Ben Averbuch, Elizabeth Martin, Olivia Petipas, and Molly Jane Thoms.** • **January 6:** *Direct Action* training for Extinction Rebellion activists, by **Jeff Feuer.**

January 9: *Legal Observing* at a protest for Justice for Moses Harris in Lowell, organized by Community Advocates for Justice & Equality, by **Byung Yo Kim, Kelly Morgan, Connie Mortara, Rebecca Shailor.**

January 10: *Legal Observing* at a protest against evictions organized at the Somerville District Court, by **Kimberly Barboza, Joseph Lake, and Marwa Sayed.**

January 16: *Legal Observing* at a protest for Justice for Moses Harris in Lowell, organized by Community Advocates for Justice & Equality, by **Rebecca Shailor.**

January 20: *Legal Observing* at a rally and march in Boston, organized by Boston May Day, Coalition, by **Anne Lynn & Jona Raphael.**

New NLG-Mass Chapter On-line Store

Please visit our new on-line store where we offer items to commemorate our 50th Anniversary: a copy of a new 30-min. documentary about our Chapter's beginnings (on a pen with USB drive and on a USB drive) and a business card holder (https://nlgmass.org/featured_news/nlg-mass-chapter-store/).



Black and Pink Massachusetts Looks Back and Ahead

by *Michael Cox*

Black and Pink Massachusetts is a prison abolition organization dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ people and those living with HIV who are impacted by the criminal legal system and are incarcerated in our state.

The year 2020 was filled with heartache and hope. The police murder of George Floyd and many other black men aroused so much pain and anger. COVID-19 pandemic had ravaged the nation. These two pandemics - racism and COVID-19 - also galvanized people into the streets to demand change. Yes, we want the police defunded. Yes, we want incarcerated people released from prison, so they can be home with their families, so they can avoid the extended lockdowns and unnecessary deaths. We are proud to work alongside so many organizers and organizations to make this happen.

We are excited to enter the New Year after re-launching as Black and Pink Massachusetts and hiring our first executive director! We have a new website that shows our programs and pro-

vides a slew of resources that we hope people will scope out.

We had a successful year fundraising over \$30,000 in mutual aid that was redistributed to currently and formerly incarcerated people across New England, serving on the Special Commission to Study the Health and Safety of LGBTQIA Prisoners, passing legislation to collect data on LGBTQ+ people held in solitary confinement and we won a veto override that mandates decarceration in light of COVID-19.

Our legislative agenda for next year is ambitious. We will focus on policies to stop the flow of people into the system while providing relief to people already there. It includes decriminalizing sex work, creating an ombuds-person position to monitor and enforce the rights of LGBTQ+ prisoners, and increasing transparency related to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). We hope you'll join us as our organizing efforts ramp up.

Finally, we were appointed to

serve on a Community Investment board with a \$65 million budget. As we continue to fight back against the criminalization of LGBTQ+ people and those living with HIV, we must also participate in the creation of beloved communities. We believe that this is the type of work that will effectuate enduring and genuine public safety devoid of state violence.

We need to ensure that everyone who suffers because of the criminal legal system is properly resourced, regardless of their zip code, sexual orientation, or the color of their skin.

Michael Cox is the Executive Director of Black and Pink Massachusetts.

Cosecha in 2021: La Lucha Sigue!

by Cosecha MA Organizaing Team

Cosecha Massachusetts (MA) continues to build and strengthen the community, and immigrant leaders, immigrants and allies will continue to take to the streets to fight for justice.

On the local front, we see little change from the state legislators and the governor. They have failed to take action to protect and support the immigrant community - including many essential workers. Another legislative session is ending without passage of the Work & Family Mobility Act, which would enable all qualified state residents to apply for a standard Massachusetts driver's license, regardless of immigrant status. The Massachusetts legislators have failed to pass this measure for 16 years while 16 other states have laws allowing licenses for immigrants regardless of status. Legislators have failed to act even though driving without a license is the primary path leading to the detention pipeline in Massachusetts. Failure to act in 2020 also signifies an alarming disregard of the pandemic's impact on the immigrant community. As essential workers, many immigrants and their families are placed at increased risk without access to a driver license.

With an incoming Biden-Harris administration, some Massachusetts legislators now offer the excuse that the federal government will address immigration issues in 2021. We cannot wait or count on it.

We simultaneously recognize the state government's failure to address meaningful police reform and to dismantle the racist systems impacting so many daily. Multiple investigations have revealed that Bristol County Sheriff Hogdson has violated the civil rights of immigrants imprisoned under his "oversight," used excessive force, unjustly used solitary confinement, and refused to provide appropriate medical care, particularly alarming in the midst of the pandemic. However, he has yet to be removed from his office and the § 297g agreement allowing Bristol County to enforce immigration laws remains in place.

Immigrant and BIPOC communities have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, experiencing difficulty accessing healthcare, health disparities, loss of jobs and income, food insecurity, and housing insecurity. Immigrants pay taxes, but do not have access to safety net sup-

ports such as unemployment. Both state and federal governments have excluded immigrants from any stimulus relief funding. Cosecha quickly took to action developing a mutual aid campaign, raising funds and food resources to distribute to those in need in the community. Cosecha MA will continue mutual aid into 2021 (*to donate, you can go to: bit.ly/MAImmigrantFund*), and will be launching another stimulus check redistribution campaign shortly.

On the national front, President-elect Biden has appointed many of the same people to his transition team and to cabinet posts who worked on the Obama-Biden deportation machine. During the campaign, when one of the Cosecha immigrant leaders confronted then candidate Biden to take responsibility for the 3 million deported under the Obama-Biden administration and commit to permanent protections, Candidate Biden declined and told him to vote for Trump. We must hold the incoming Biden administration accountable. It will be more important than ever that we continue to rise up and turn the tide. The fight continues here in Massachusetts and nationally. *La lucha sigue...*

Safe Communities Coalition

by Amy Grunder

In 2021, Massachusetts immigrant rights advocates are looking forward to capitalizing on the momentum and achievements of the last legislative session. **The Safe Communities Act (SCA)**, which would end state and local law enforcement involvement in deportations, and **The Work and Family Mobility Act (WFMA)**, which would extend MA standard driver's licenses to all qualified drivers regardless of immigration status, were both referred out of committee last year with recommendations for passage -- a first for both bills. Both bills take aim at the ways that current state policies and practices feed the federal deportation pipeline and undermine community confidence in local authorities. Both bills are supported by strong coalitions, with leadership that centers immigrant-led organizations and voices, together with the support of hundreds of allied organizations from across the state.

While the WFMA has been before the legislature in various forms for over 15 years, the SCA was filed for the first time in 2017, and easily passed as an outside section in the Senate budget in 2018 during the horrific detention of chil-

dren at the border ("kids in cages"), though it was not included in the final state budget. It derived from an earlier version of the bill (the Trust Act, filed in the 2013 and 2015 sessions) that targeted the law enforcement practice of complying with ICE requests to hold immigrants for pickup, a practice later ruled unlawful by the Supreme Judicial Court. The SCA targets a broader range of law enforcement practices, from police questioning about immigration status, to ensuring that law enforcement get informed, written consent prior to allowing ICE interviews of people in custody, to ending so-called 287(g) collaboration agreements that literally deputize correctional personnel as ICE agents, at state taxpayers' expense. Massachusetts is the only state in New England with such agreements -- and ICE has four here, with Bristol, Plymouth, and Barnstable county sheriffs, and with the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

The enormous harm caused by these agreements and other forms of collaboration with ICE -- separating families, undermining immigrant access to police and court protection as well as to emergency and healthcare services -- are final-

ly gaining mainstream recognition, as is evident in the recent *Boston Globe* editorial, "Massachusetts Shouldn't be Enforcing Federal Immigration Laws," the recent AGO investigation of abuses at the Bristol County House of Correction and the recent lawsuit filed by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights on behalf of the New England Chapter of the NAACP and other taxpayers, as well as December's Op-Ed by the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

State and local collaboration with ICE has been encouraged under both Democratic and Republican Administrations - indeed, the Obama administration expanded and intensified such practices. Action by the Massachusetts state legislature is the only way to end them in our Commonwealth, once and for all.

You can contact us at **617-230-9491** or **617-350-5480 x222** or **agrunder@miracoalition.org**.

Amy Grunder is an activist with the Safe Communities Coalition and works at MIRA Coalition.

BIJAN at Work

by BIJAN Team

Boston Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN) is committed to organizing alongside our immigrant neighbors detained in ICE custody in the New England region. Throughout 2020 we have continued this work despite increasing administration roadblocks and the complications brought by COVID-19.

In addition to paying bonds, coordinating legal support for bond and virtual and physical accompaniment this year, our detention support has also included logistical support for class-action lawsuits, from the Brito Decision (which made it easier for noncitizens to get

released on bond while their case was pending) to lawsuits leading to the release of detainees at increased health risk from COVID. We continue to maintain a hotline for our neighbors still held in ICE detention and support for consultations with low and pro-bono immigration lawyers. BIJAN's bond fund has recently incorporated into a 501(c)3 called the Beyond Bond and Legal Defense Fund and is continuing to pay bonds for detained neighbors.

Please reach out to us if you have a client who needs financial support paying their immigration bond (www.beyond-bondboston.org/contact).

BIJAN's other functions such as finding temporary housing for recently detained folks, political organizing for immigrant justice, and connecting detained neighbors with pro and low-bono legal support continue to be run separate from the bond fund in our grassroots network. If your detained or recently detained clients have other logistical needs such as commissary requests or housing needs, please reach out on our website.

Additionally, if you or your organization has capacity to take on detained or non-detained cases pro- or low-bono please reach out to us at bijan.legal.requests@gmail.com.

NLG MEMBERS IN ACTION

NLG attorneys **Jeff Feuer** and **Lee Goldstein** have been hired by the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Boston (VLP) to be supervisors/mentors in the new Massachusetts COVID-19 Eviction Legal Help Project (CELHP). In mid-October 2020, the Commonwealth engaged the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC) to administer a statewide coordinated legal services delivery system to provide free legal assistance to low-income tenants facing eviction due to COVID-19, as well as to income-eligible owner occupants of 2- and 3-family homes facing foreclosure. CELHP is part of the state's COVID-19 Eviction Diversion Initiative.

To fight the tsunami of eviction cases resulting from the pandemic, CELHP has provided funding for legal aid offices to hire more than 70 new lawyers and paralegals throughout the state.

Through CELHP, six legal aid programs and VLP will provide free legal assistance and representation for thousands of low-income tenants in housing and district court. CELHP will provide referrals, legal information, assistance, and legal representation for tenants impacted by the Coronavirus epidemic, with the goal of helping them to achieve housing stability.

City Life/Vida Urbana Organizing - the Sword & the Shield

by Steve Meacham

As this article is being written (January 16), City Life/Vida Urbana has just organized four rallies in the last five days. We call our strategy “the sword and the shield” – public protest and public pressure combined with legal defense.

A look back on this week’s activities gives a good idea of City Life’s methods.

On January 11, we partnered with Standing Up For Eastie (East Boston) to link our fight against mounting evictions facing the Latinx community with opposition to luxury development. We understand that luxury development is (1) not accessible for our people and (2) further drives up rents in surrounding neighborhoods.

Also January 11, 20 residents and supporters paraded with candles around the 340-unit Fairlawn Estates in Mattapan. They were demanding a fair contract. City Life/Vida Urbana regularly seeks and wins collective bargaining agreements with corporate owners. A few months ago Avanath

Corp. signed a 5-year agreement with City Life for Morton Village (207 units) that limits rent increases to about 3% per year. Legal Services attorneys who might have had dozens of cases from Morton Village were able to protect hundreds without litigation by combining the sword and the shield. At the rally Monday, Fairlawn tenants spoke eloquently about their fight to get new stops on the Fairmount Line. One of those new stops is right across the street from Fairlawn and is now being used as the excuse for raising rents. The owners have renamed the complex SOMA at the T!

January 15. Residents of 6 Humphreys Pl. in Dorchester also won a 5-year contract after fighting building clear-out evictions for two years. Now the owner wants to sell for twice what he paid for it. On Friday, 50 people gathered in front of 6 Humphreys to demand a sale to a non-profit. We marched to a nearby vacant lot where the same owner is proposing 26 condos, of which three are

“affordable”. 6 Humphreys has been used as an example for why we need the TOPA law (Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act), which Gov. Baker vetoed.

January 13. The main event for the week was a rally at the Housing Court in downtown Boston. This action was coordinated with housing justice groups all over the country under the umbrella “Homes for All”. In Boston, City Life/Vida Urbana gathered 75 people to oppose evictions during COVID-19. The rally featured amazing artwork and combined with zoom coverage and a big car caravan that circled the block. We marched to the JFK federal building to uplift the national demands (on the new Biden administration) to extend and enhance the federal moratorium. This would be crucial to eviction defense.

This is a fast pace but somewhat normal for City Life. Every week, well over 100 people attend our zoom

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NLG-Mass Chapter Sustainers

In the spring of 2003, the Massachusetts Chapter of the NLG initiated the Chapter Sustainer Program. Since its inception, the Program has been very successful and has been enthusiastically joined by the following NLG members & friends:

Anonymous • Patricia Cantor & Jeff Petrucelly
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• **Lee Goldstein & Mark Stern • Andrei Joseph & Bonnie Tenneriello**
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The Sustainer Program is one of the most important Chapter initiatives to secure its future existence. Please consider joining the Program.

NLG-Mass Chapter Sustainers are NLG members and friends who make a commitment to support the NLG Massachusetts Chapter with an annual contribution of \$500 or more (not including the NLG membership dues).

The NLG Sustainers receive:

- special listing in the Dinner Program;
- 1/8 page ad in the Dinner Program;
- acknowledgement in *Mass Dissent*;
- two (2) free raffle tickets for a Holiday Party raffle;
- invitation to special events.

There are three ways to become a sustainer:

- contribute \$500 or more a year (in addition to dues)
- pair up with another person and pay \$250 each, or
- join the "Guild Circle" and pay \$50/month or more.

If you are interested in learning more about the NLG-Mass Chapter Sustainer Program or if you would like to become a Sustainer, please contact our office at
617-227-7335 or nlgmass-director@igc.org.

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meetings in English (Tuesdays) and Spanish (Wednesdays). In addition there are weekly zoom leadership meetings, tenant association meetings, and political discussion groups. At City Life, leadership development is taken very seriously. We organize those directly affected by the crisis. They are also where our leaders and staff come from.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began last year in March, over 2,800 people have called through our hotlines seeking information and social support (the sword).

When new people arrive at our meetings they are welcomed and asked if they are willing to fight to stay in their homes. When they

answer "yes," the crowd yells out "We'll Fight With You!" We've been doing that for years and it never loses its power, even on Zoom.

Steve Meacham is a long-time activist working for tenants with City Life.

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I, _____ (name), am donating \$ _____ to the
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over \$40,000 to \$50,000	\$200
over \$50,000 to \$60,000	\$250
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over \$70,000 to \$80,000	\$350
over \$80,000 to \$90,000	\$400
over \$100,000	\$500

* Any **new** member who joins after September 1 will be carried over to the following year. Dues may be paid in full or in quarterly installments. Dues of \$80 cover the basic membership costs, which include publication and mailing of *Mass Dissent* (the Chapter's bi-monthly newsletter), national and regional dues, and the office and staff.

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