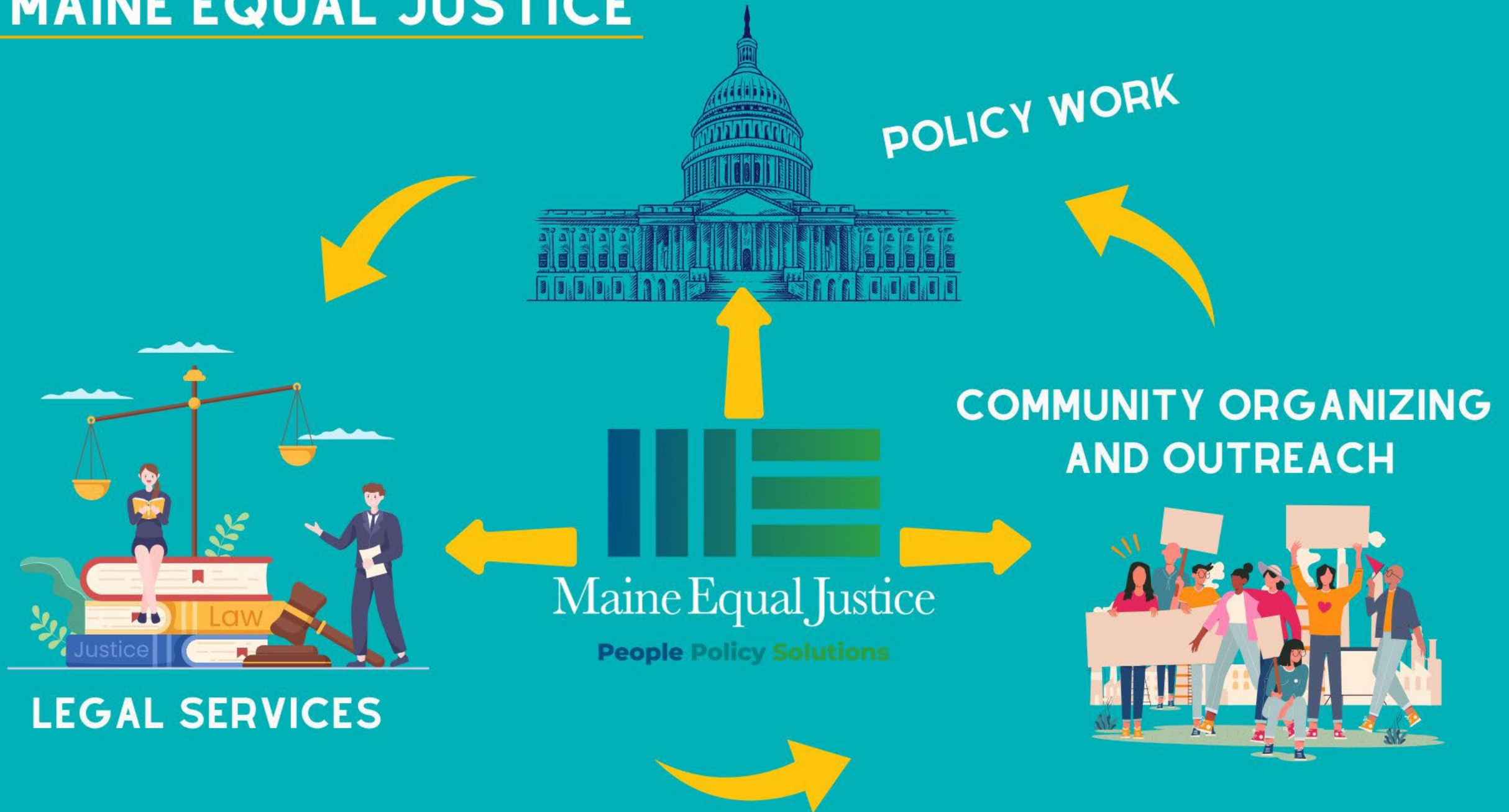


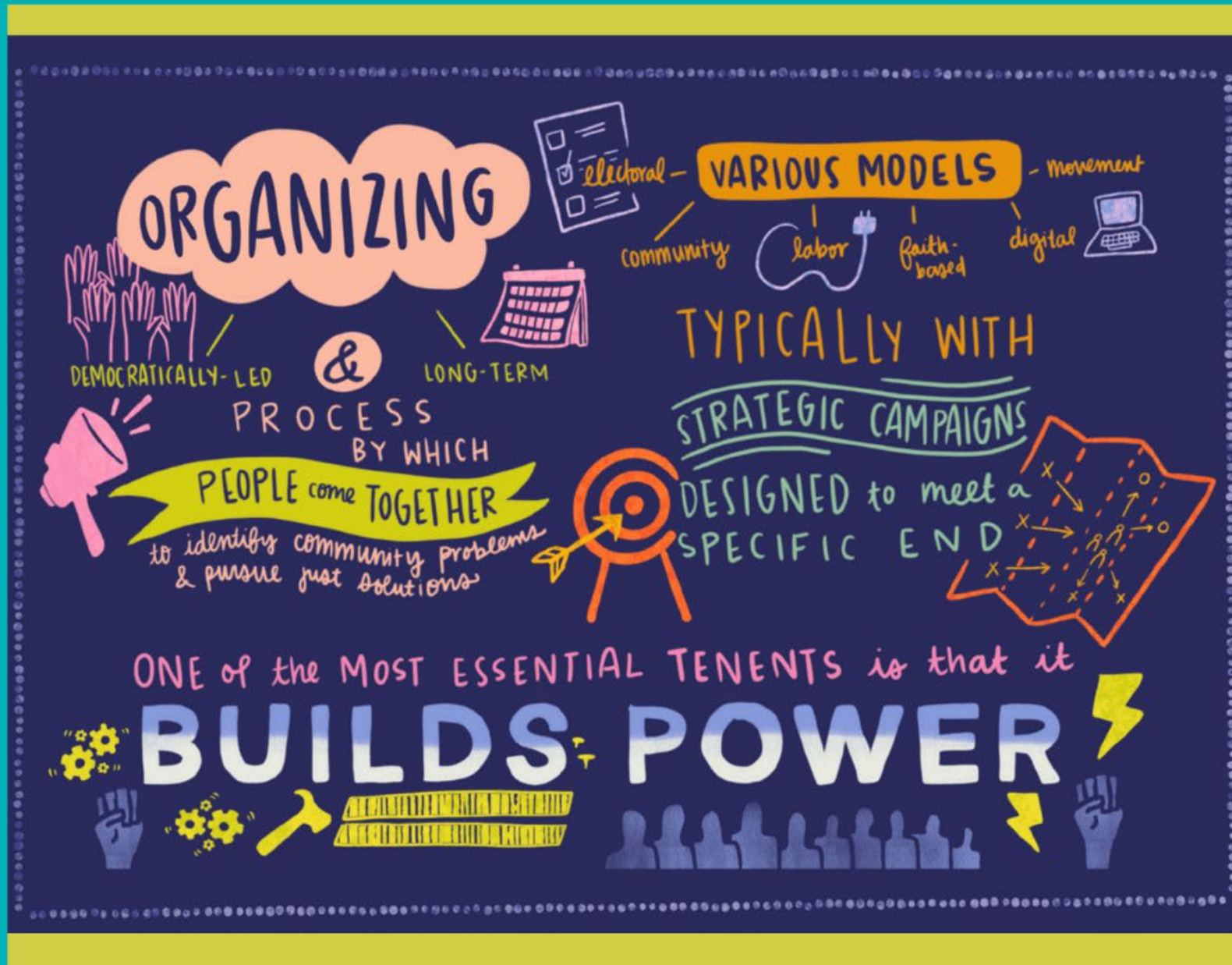


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MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE



WHAT IS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING?

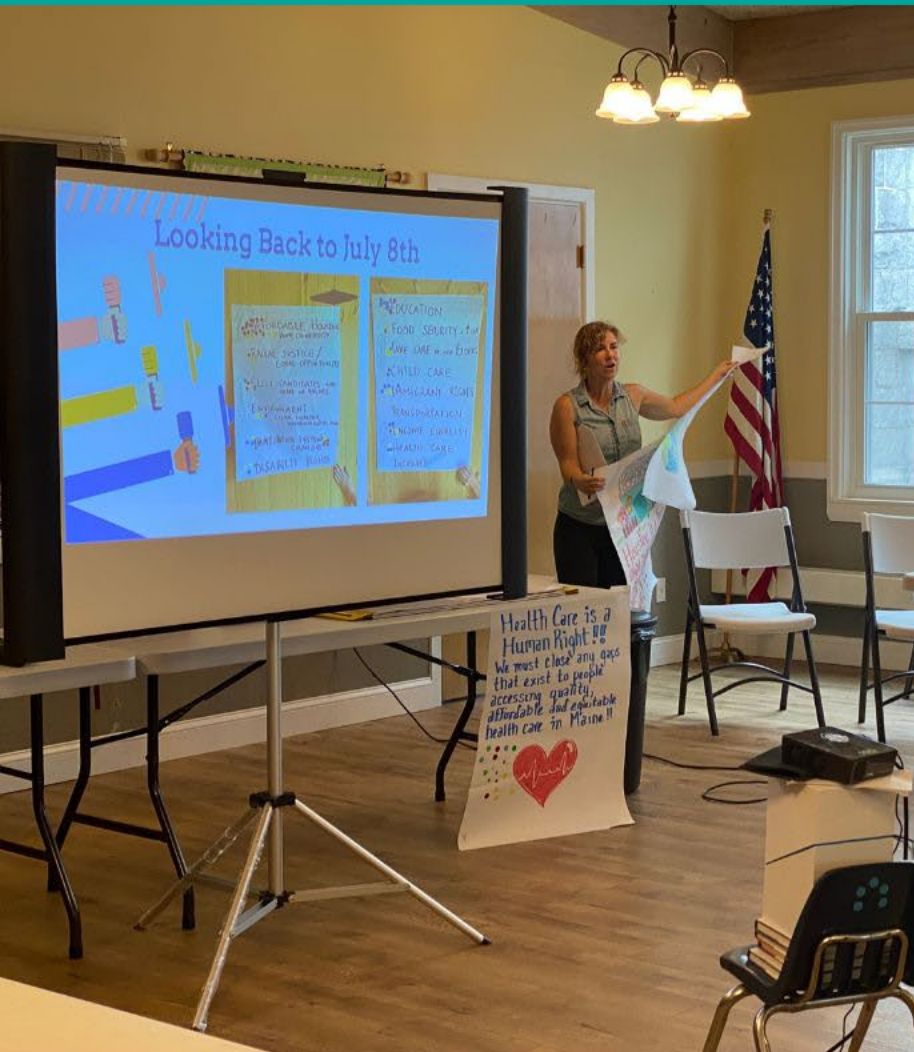


WHAT IS THE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS' CIRCLE?

Growing the Equal Justice Partner's Circle



WE LEARN, STRATEGIZE, AND LISTEN TO COMMUNITY



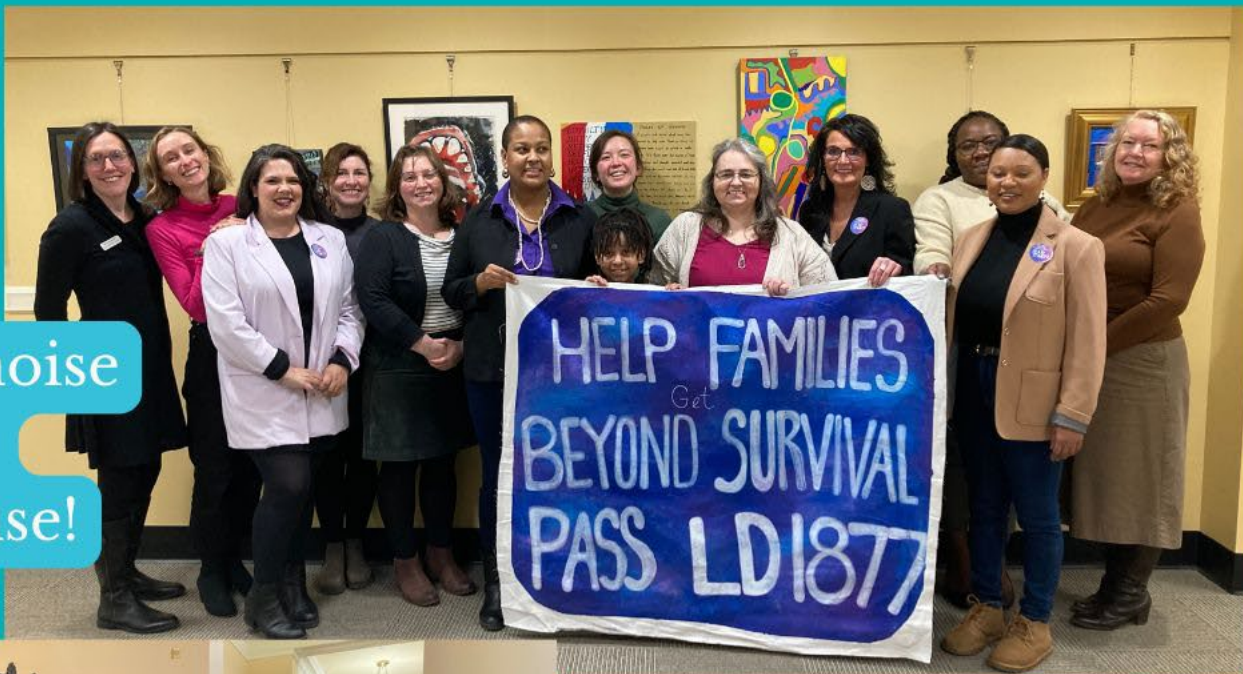


WE DREAM TOGETHER, OF A BETTER FUTURE!



WE TAKE ACTION TOGETHER

We make noise
at the
State House!



We talk to legislators,
and change their hearts
and minds.



We Testify and tell our stories,
and the stories of our communities



We
Protest



We pass better policies,
and new laws!



Fund rent relief now!



Housing can't wait! Write your legislators to support \$18 million in the budget for rent relief!

Right now, legislators are making decisions about where state funds are most needed. The Budget Committee has included \$18 million for a rent relief pilot program in the budget! **Please send a message NOW to support rent relief to help prevent evictions! Legislators need to hear from all of us that safe, affordable homes for all are our priority.**

We create petitions, and ask our families, friends, and neighbors, to join our fight

109 Letters Sent

Only 91 more until our goal of 200

ENTER YOUR RETURN ADDRESS



We've got your address, Alison!
Not Alison? [Click here.](#)



You

We organize
letter campaigns



**Tell Governor Mills and the Maine Legislature:
We need Housing Solutions Now!**

People from Caribou to Kittery are feeling the effects of the state's lack of quality, affordable housing. Rents are impossibly high, evictions are up 25% in a year, and far too many Mainers are living in tents and on the streets. Low-income renters face a housing market that often excludes them. The end of federal rental assistance has left many Mainers without help or affordable options.

Maine needs 84,000 new homes in the next 7 years, report finds

The study is the first to examine the need for housing in the future, and across all income levels statewide.

Letter: Mainers need rental relief

by Opinion Contributor



Budget investments are *how we build a future together*. MEJ supports funding **rent relief** because families, cities and towns can't deal with high housing costs on their own.

Letter: Affordable housing now and for future

Posted 1:41 PM Updated February 11

Eviction filings increased 16 percent in Maine last year

by Carol Bousquet, Maine Public
January 19, 2024

Report finds affordable housing unavailable for more than half of Maine's poorest renters

A national study released Thursday says the crisis is widespread across the country, and Maine

We write
letters to the editor!



And postcards to the Governor!

We rally together,
and make our voices heard!



Finding
friends and allies
along the way.

WHAT WE HAVE ACHEIVED TOGETHER!



Increase access to
Dental Care
for adults in Maine



Helped Support Parents
going to school through
multiple LIFT bills



Passed
Medicaid
Expansion



Created a state funded
Rent Relief program



TANF Reform



Required programs to be more
trauma informed and more
culturally and linguistically
accessible (in TANF and GA)



Increase TANF grant
amounts for participants

How we do it:

- **By building Authentic Relationships**
- **Recognizing power dynamics. Being aware when our asks or expectations of community may become transactional and/or exploitative.**
- **Compensation! Recognize the expertise of impacted partners, and the emotional labor of engagement.**
- **Evaluation and Adjustment**