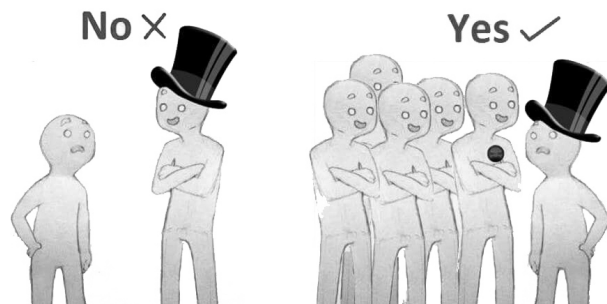


## HOW TO TALK TO A LANDLORD:



### SET UP A MEETING WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

#### 'One on ones'

Small meetings with one or a few of your neighbours are good to get to know people and find out their concerns. You could invite a couple of neighbours over to your place for tea or coffee for instance.

#### Neighbourhood meetings

Set a time for people from other buildings on your block to get together. Discuss ways for people to support the work in other buildings. Share experiences of what has worked and what hasn't. Co-ordinate the work between houses, buildings and across the neighbourhood. There is strength in numbers.

The only way we can begin to level the playing field is by organizing.

Join the fight to defend our neighbourhood!

Let's work together to defend our neighbourhood from greedy landlords who only want to make more money. We need to stop the evictions!

Get in touch if you would like more information!



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## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

Herongate Tenant Coalition is made up of your neighbours!

## RENOVATION NOT DEMOLITION

### ORGANIZED TO DEFEND HERONGATE

It's very sad to see all the empty houses. Our vibrant neighbourhood is being erased right before our eyes. Our neighbours, friends and even family members are being pushed out because Timbercreek wants to build luxury apartments. After years of ignoring repair requests and work orders, Timbercreek is finally literally destroying our community.

Herongate Tenant Coalition is the only group fighting to stop them. Please join us – there is strength in numbers – and we can fight to win!

The Herongate Tenant Coalition has been fighting hard since May 2018. A

number of families – your neighbours – who lost their homes are now going to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario. We are fighting for a big financial compensation, a right to return to the neighbourhood in the same size house at the same rent, and most importantly, a stop to any more evictions. There were also smaller victories this summer: some families got to stay in Herongate and every household received an extra \$500, all because of our hard work.

This only happened because your neighbours came together to fight this injustice. We had regular meetings, knocked on doors, spoke to the media, fundraised a lot of money and now have a lawyer to represent all the affected families.

We can't think the fight is over. It's far from over. We have to be ready for the next round. And we have to continue to fight until Timbercreek does all the repairs they are supposed to do and there are no more evictions!

## ADVICE FROM A TENANT

Saida and her family lived in Herongate for 23 years. They lost their home three times before finally being forced to leave their community. Despite this, they continue to fight and support the cause.

**Tell us about your experience losing your home because of Timbercreek's evictions.**

**Saida:** Losing my house was less important than my fear of losing my community. I was able to move just up the street to another Timbercreek neighbourhood.

A few years later I got word there would be a meeting in the neighbourhood. I attended thinking it would be about how to improve our neighbourhood. We met with City Councillor Jean Cloutier and Timbercreek where they said they wanted to make the neighbourhood better. At the meeting they gave us a big envelope with a bunch of papers containing the moving date and what was being given to us by Timbercreek.



**How did you and your neighbours respond to the evictions in 2015 and 2018?**

**Saida:** The first announcement was bad but at least I was ahead of all of the mess. However, to find out I was yet again going have to leave my home, I was in pure shock. Some of my friends in the neighbourhood have not slept properly since the news broke due to the stress.

One of the community members organized a meeting and we came together. Since that weekend, we have been working very hard to get into contact with professionals who can help us stop Timbercreek from this unjust act!