

Coalition Strategist

Communities Resist Inc. (CoRe), a project of Southside United HDFC, seeks an experienced coalition strategist to join our team combating gentrification, displacement, social disenfranchisement, and structural injustice through affirmative litigation before housing, state and federal courts, and administrative agencies.

CoRe is a legal services and tenant organizing nonprofit fighting for housing and community justice. CoRe is steeped in the 50-year tradition of community lawyering in Brooklyn and Queens, and we have spent years working together with neighborhood organizations and organizers in representing hundreds of tenants and tenant associations to enforce their right to social citizenship by struggling, resisting, and enduring against any attempts to deny working communities, largely of color, their agency.

The primary job responsibilities of the Coalition Strategist are as follows:

Coordinate Coalitions and Community Partnerships:

- Maintain strong relationships with existing coalition and community partners
- Identify and cultivate relationships with new community partners, community members, elected officials, stakeholders, clients, and other leaders in the housing justice movement
- Attend and facilitate meetings with coalitions and partner organizations to advance strategic goals
- Provide the organizing support for the strategic direction of Communities Resist
- Oversee the maintenance of coalition database including coordinating messaging with staff
- Lead organizing efforts for campaign rallies, public hearings including testimony, legislative visits, and other direct advocacy efforts
- Work with staff on reviewing, drafting, and advocating to advance legislation
- Contribute to housing policy research and development to advance CoRe's mission
- Plan and execute meetings, events, workshops, actions, and other strategic activities that further the policy goals of Communities Resist
- Support the work of partner organizations to help organize and execute actions to support collective policy goals

Assist with Communications, Marketing and Public Relations efforts:

- Assist communications staff with drafting newsletters, press releases, op-eds, social media campaigns, and other materials to effectively convey CoRe's mission and policy goals
- Support outreach and communications efforts of new and existing community partners including coordinating and drafting toolkits for campaigns, mobilization efforts, and public hearing testimony
- Work with community partners to coordinate community education efforts and outreach

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree and a minimum of three years full-time experience in organizing advocacy campaigns in New York City
- Substantive experience working with low-income tenant groups, community organizations and/or coalitions
- Experience managing and building a coalition, facilitating group meetings, participating in coalition leadership, or experience in other collaborative advocacy efforts
- Strong knowledge of the New York City nonprofit community, and specifically nonprofits focused on housing justice, tenant advocacy, community organizing and/or legal service.
- Strong knowledge of the housing justice movement and the New York political landscape
- Proven record of organizing effective campaigns, including meetings and coordination with partner organizations, legislators, community members and other stakeholders
- Excellent project manager with strong time, organization, and task management skills to ensure coalitions plan ahead and meet deadlines
- Exceptional planning and time management skills and ability to prioritize competing, complex priorities
- Exceptional communication and relationship-building skills especially with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to lead and excel in an entrepreneurial, fast-paced, diverse, results-oriented culture
- Demonstrated passion for housing justice and relationship building with the goal of advancing common causes
- Computer proficiency sufficient to independently review and generate materials relevant to the position
- Willingness, desire, and ability to attend evening meetings and events
- Foreign language ability is a major plus

CoRe is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, religion/creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, victim of domestic violence status or marital status. Salary will be commensurate experience and comparable with other similar nonprofit organizations with excellent health and other benefits. **The position is temporarily remote. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.**

To apply, forward a cover letter with your resume to:

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Please put '**Coalition Strategist**' in the subject line.