## What is cooperative housing?



## Well, what is cooperation?

Dictionaries lend some insight:

- Working with others toward the same end
- Assisting one another
- Common effort

### Working with others toward the same end

Picture of a meeting

# Assisting one another

Picture of new chair ramps, or Kyle fixing the step

#### **Common Effort**

Picture of Labor Holiday

# Cooperation is that, but economically

• Skip the "if you can't beat 'em" and just join 'em

- We all have some shared basic needs
  - Food
  - Shelter
  - Wifi (?)
- Some of us have different needs as well
  - Not always easy to find accommodation
- So many people are silenced, politically and economically, because they

### Coops put the YOU in "US"

What if you could live in a community which

- democratically decides how to manage shared resources?
- applies the benefits of economies of scale to its members?
- accepts and welcomes people of all backgrounds, all categories, all abilities?

Wouldn't that be kind of cool?

Sorry for the bad pun.