

Resolution 22: Supporting Cooperative Housing at Cornell

Abstract: This resolution calls on the Cornell Housing Office to better advertise Cooperative housing as an alternative to traditional on- or off-campus housing, particularly because the application process begins February 12th.

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Whereas, Cooperative housing at Cornell is a cheaper alternative to the traditional Cornell housing experience. Co-ops are unique, collaborative communities governed by student residents;

Whereas, Co-ops are significantly cheaper than both on- and off-campus housing options and four have meal plans that are significantly less expensive than the Cornell alternative;

Whereas, Co-ops foster a sense of community and belonging, particularly for marginalized groups and communities at Cornell;

Whereas, Wari Cooperative was founded in 1968 as a safe space for Black women on campus;

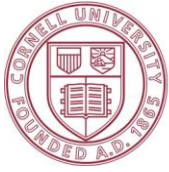
Whereas, Lodge Cooperative is centered on low-income BIPOC students on campus;

Whereas, Watermargin Cooperative was founded following World War II as an interracial, inter-religious living space and continues to center marginalized peoples;

Whereas, the Cornell Housing Office does not advertise cooperatives as much as they advertise dorms for underclassmen and off-campus housing for upperclassmen;

Whereas, Lodge Cooperative is not advertised by the Cornell Housing Office at all because they are tenant-owned instead of Cornell-owned;

Whereas, the mosey process to apply for house membership begins on Sunday, February 12th with an open house at all co-ops participating in mosey (Triphammer, Prospect of Whitby, 302 Wait, 308 Wait, Watermargin, Redbud, 660 Stewart, and Lodge Cooperative);



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30 **Whereas**, Cooperative living has enormous potential to be a safe, welcoming, and inclusive
31 space for students of all years and backgrounds;

32 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly strongly urges the Housing Office to
33 advertise all Cooperative living spaces to the same extent they advertise other housing options;

34 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly will do its best to make the student body aware of
35 Cooperatives and the upcoming mosey process;

36 **Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly will work with the Housing Office and
37 Cooperatives on- and off-campus to develop further systems of support and awareness beyond
38 the Spring 2023 mosey process.

39 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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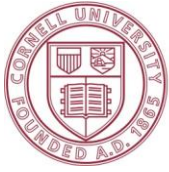
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