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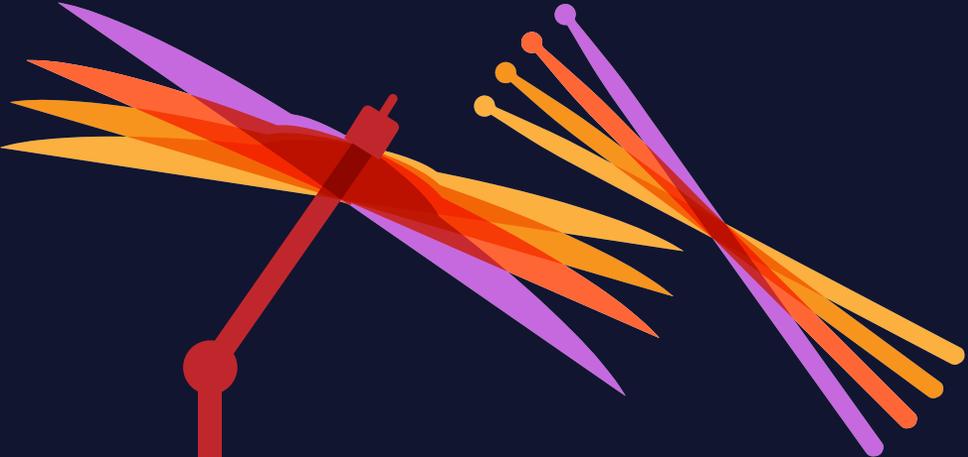




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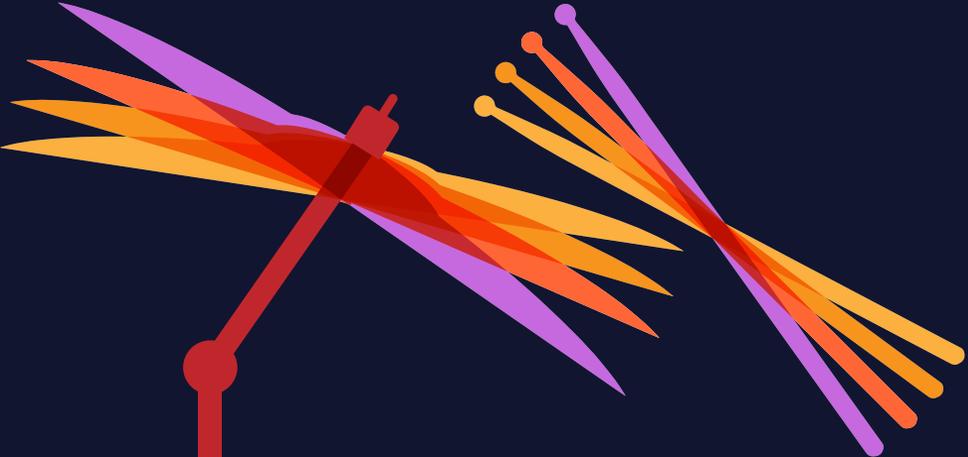


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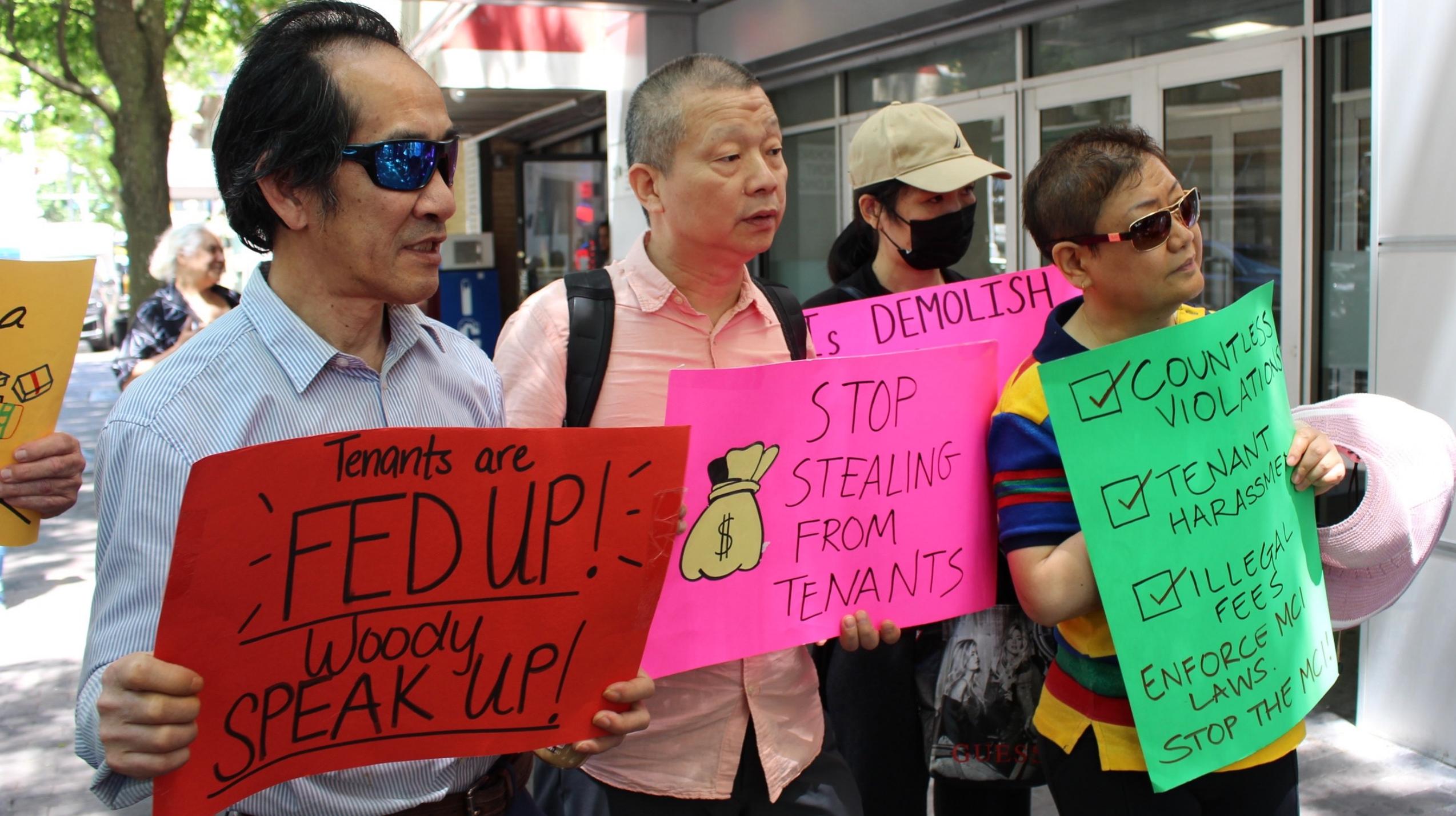
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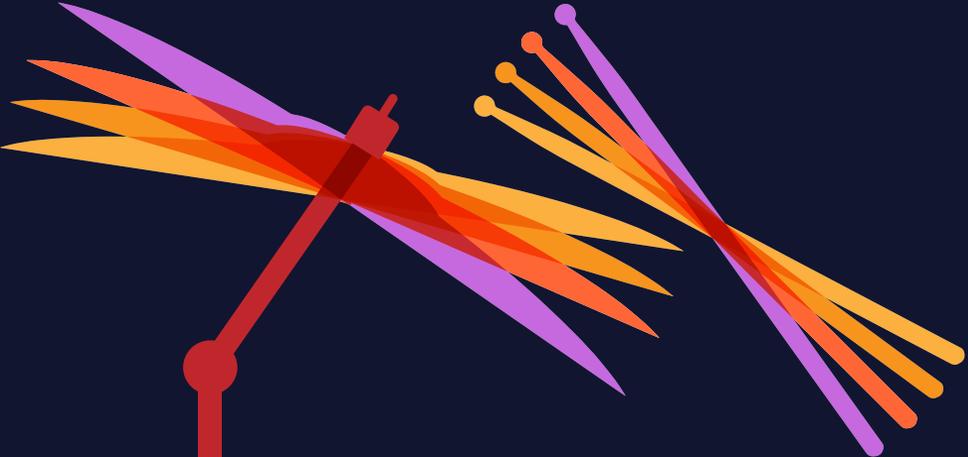
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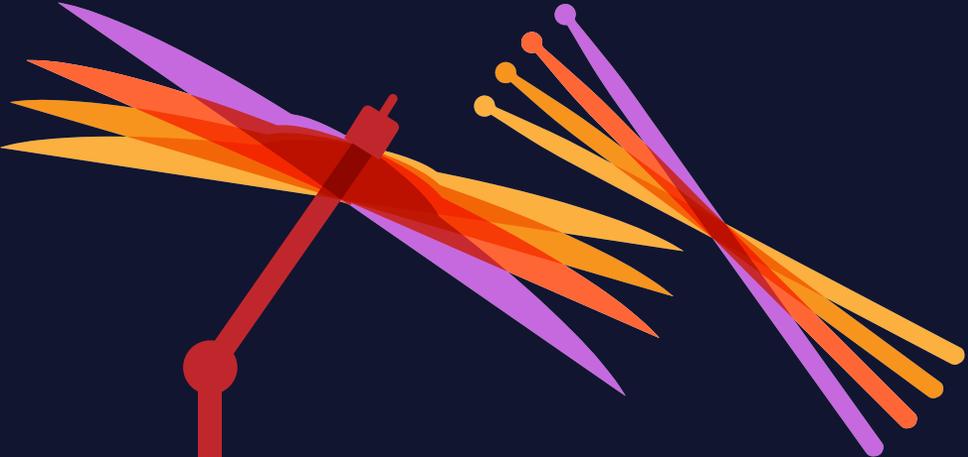
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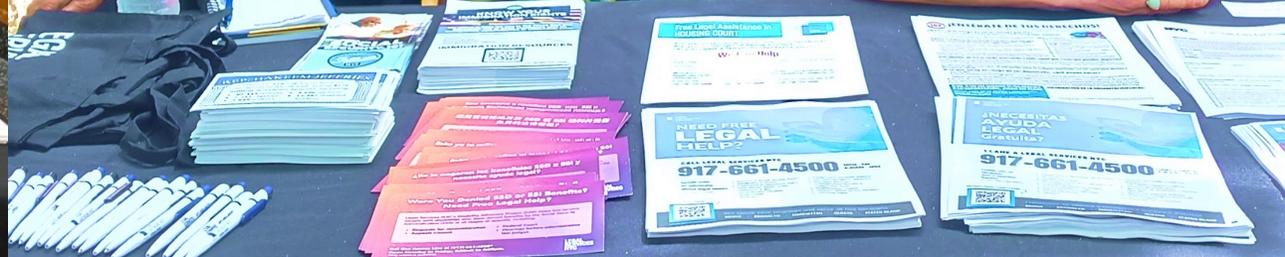
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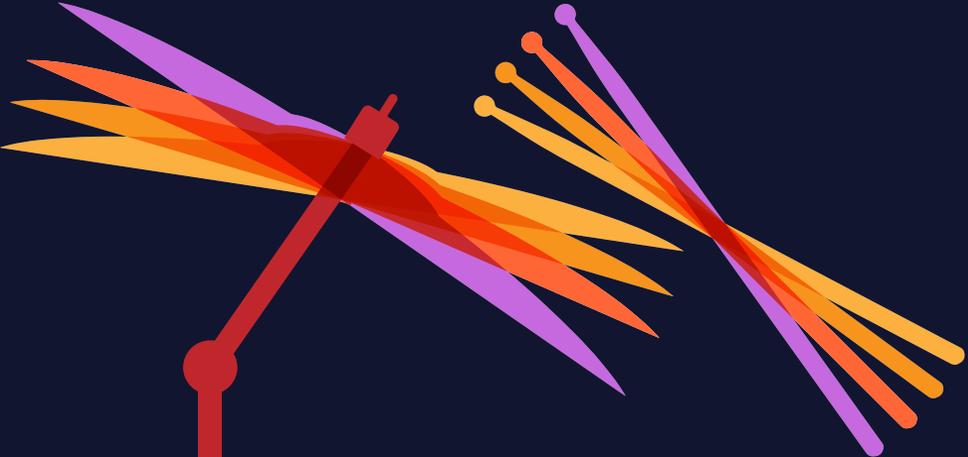


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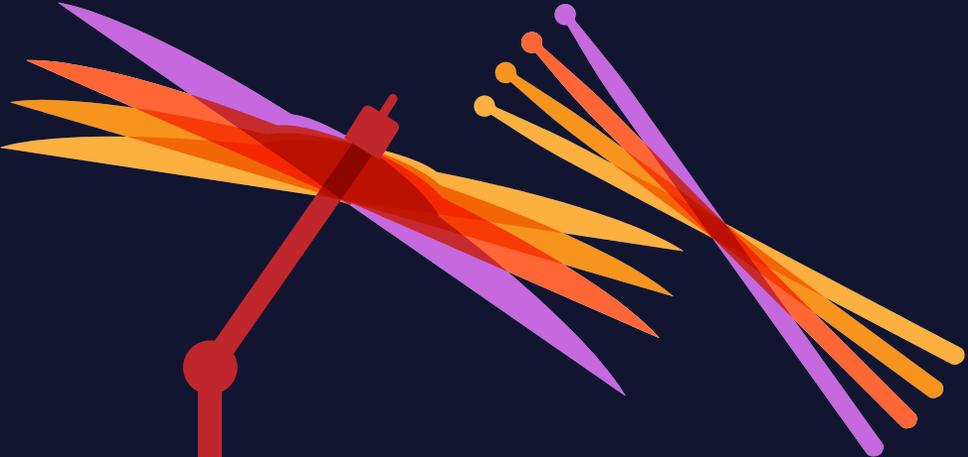
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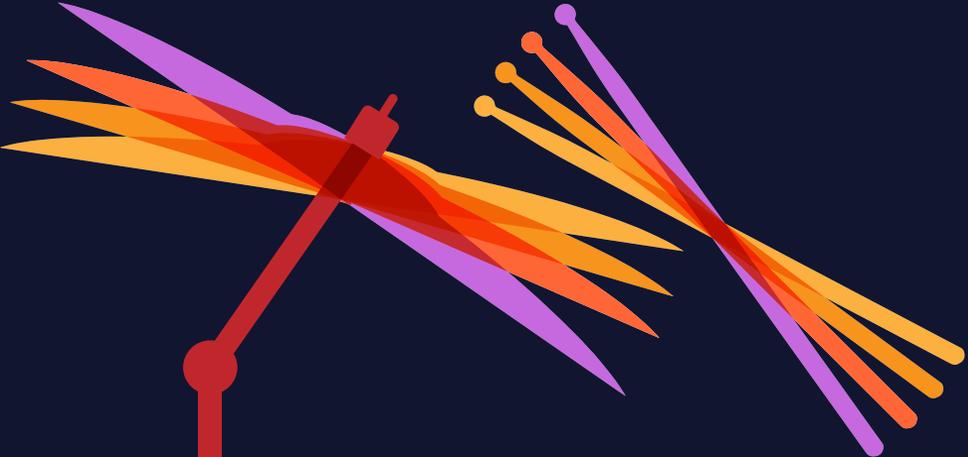
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Client Abdiel, a veteran, whom LSNYC helped avoid an eviction.





“For the first time in many decades, we no longer have to fear Alfredo being deported to Venezuela where his life would be endangered. We firmly believe that without this remarkable organization, and without our advocate’s astonishing efforts on our behalf, this might never have happened.”

From David, spouse of Client Alfredo, a gay man from Venezuela who fled violence, blackmail and kidnapping, whom LSNYC helped get asylum in the US.



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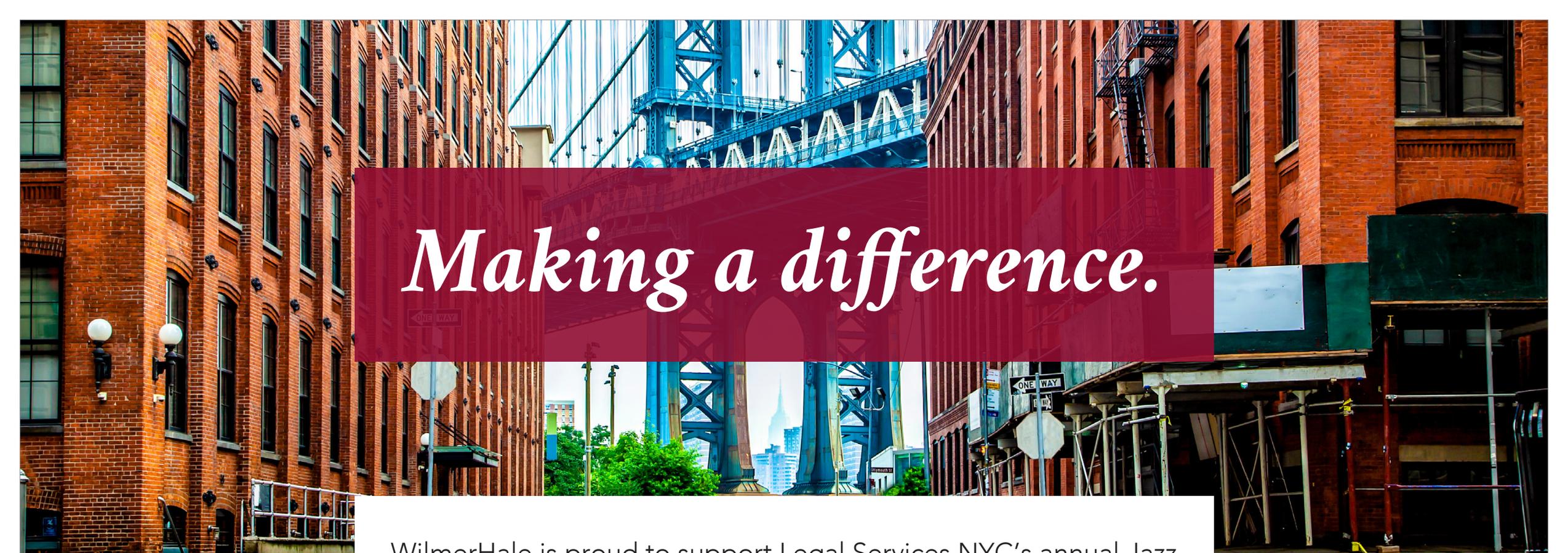
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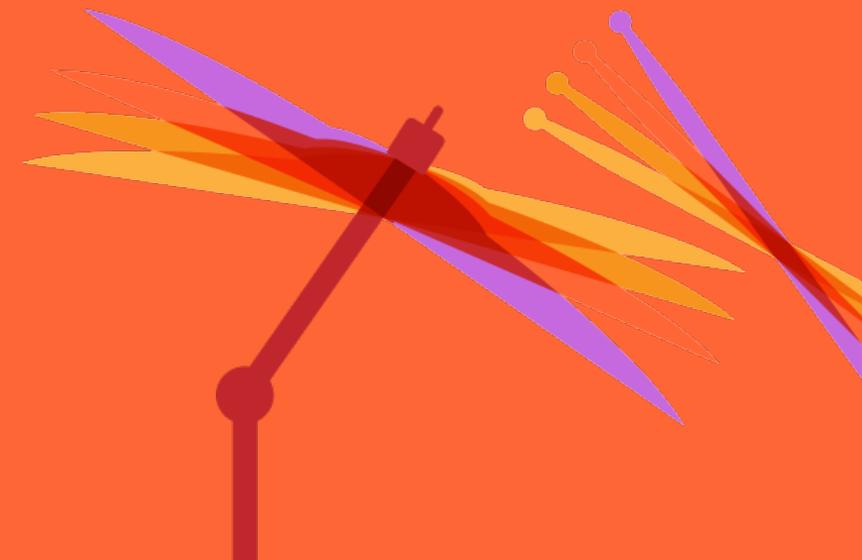
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