

# A Tale of Two Cities

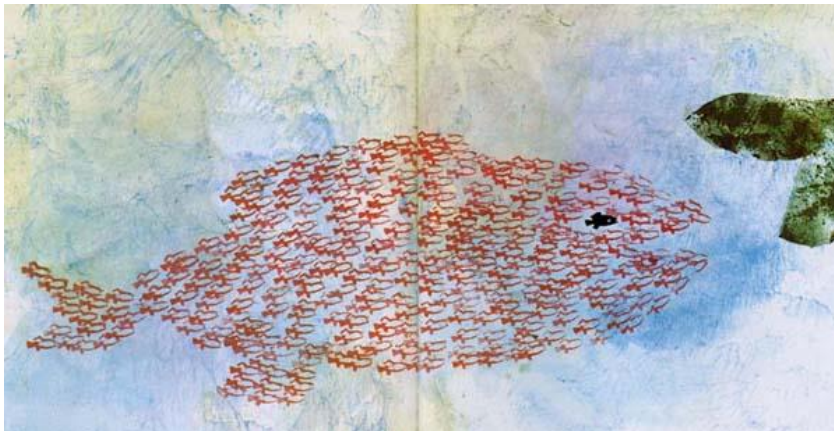
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Big fish feasts on little fish exhausted and swallowed up one by one:  
based on vivid and valid testimonies of surviving little fish.

## Communities Affirm

**Gentrification Policies and Practices—**  
Former life sustaining and enriching institutions—*economic, cultural, social, educational, and political*—are now questioned, diminished, or eliminated.



Little fish come together to redirect the trajectory of big fish:  
Inspired by Leo Lionni's award-winning children's book *Swimmy* (1963).

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**Justice ACED Policies and Practices—**  
Outside-In  
and  
Inside-Out



**Outside-In Policies and Practices** entail (1) offering affordable housing, (2) improving existing housing stock; (3) increasing level of home ownership, and (4) attracting and cultivating entrepreneurial start-ups; **Inside-Out Policies and Practices** entail (1) closing achievement gaps; (2) creating safe neighborhoods; (3) creating healthy neighborhoods; (4) enhancing family health; (5) enhancing mental health; and (6) enhancing physical health. Neither Outside-In nor Inside-Out policies and practices alone can redeem challenged neighborhoods and communities. Both together we regard as necessary and sufficient to transform quality of life in racially and economically challenged neighborhoods and communities. *We recommend initially that local leadership with collaborating municipalities choose one of each identified policy type—1 Outside-In and 1 Inside-Out—and then lay out a provisional calendar for initiating action on all remaining Outside-In and Inside-Out policies and practices that ongoingly are expected to accelerate the recovery and transformation of neighborhoods and communities with histories of abounding disparities. Achieving fulsome emancipation is our aim: Liberty and Justice for all (Declaration of Independence, 1776). Can Aliquippa provide a model for the nation?*