

*Tell the banks "If you bank DAPL, I won't bank with you" and move your money today.
#DontBankDAPL*

Closing your account with a bank that is financing pipelines and moving your money into a credit union or community bank is both an act of solidarity with #NoDAPL and an investment in social justice in your community. It's a small but key step to shifting power locally with impacts globally.

It's also not enough. If you're going to close an account out of solidarity, please make that action known. Write a letter to the bank. Post about it on social media. Move your business and organizational accounts too. Write an Op-Ed or letter to the editor. Whatever you do, make it *public*. Use #DontBankDAPL to broadcast your action.

Here's how to find a new bank:
<http://banklocal.info/>

And here's a list of steps you'll need to take:
<http://banklocal.info/move-your-account>

Which bank is best for you? It depends on your needs. But, an important thing to remember is that a community bank is just a bank, and it can get bought by a big bank and you'll just have to do this again. If you bank at a credit union, however, you'll become part of a financial cooperative that is owned by the accountholders (members like you) and has a mission to serve your community. Credit unions can't be bought by the big banks, they're democratic, and many have policies that specifically promote equitable development. Your accounts are also insured similar to FDIC at a bank, just under a different government agency called NCUA - National Credit Union Association.

Here's a short video that explains the difference between banks and credit unions:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cawzTSVTP2M>

Some research:

<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/news/who's-banking-dakota-access-pipeline>

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/how-to-contact-the-17-banks-funding-the-dakota-access-pipeline-20160929>

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/standing-rock-is-a-two-front-war-big-oil-and-big-banks-but-maybe-thats-good-news-20160922>