

MEDIA ADVISORY

**UNHOUSED RESIDENTS OF OAKLAND TO CREATE NEW VILLAGE SEPT 24TH IN  
PROTEST OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

*Housed Allies, Non-Profits, and Curbside Leaders From Berkeley & SF join in solidarity*

Over the past two years, the City of Oakland has spent millions of dollars on so called solutions to homelessness. But during that time Oakland's unhoused population has more than doubled, and hundreds of curbside residents who have been thru Tuff Sheds and Bay Area Community Services Rapid Rehousing efforts are back on the streets.

Meanwhile, rather than heed the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 United Nations report from the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing who visited Oakland homeless encampments in Fall 2017 and described the conditions as "cruel and inhuman," Mayor Libby Schaaf's Encampment Management Team has increased its inhumane treatment of its most vulnerable residents. The **only U.S. cities** called out for violations in the **UN's new report** on global homelessness conditions are **San Francisco and Oakland**. As stated in the new UN report,

*The Oakland conditions of discrimination and harassment of encampment residents and punitive denials of access to basic services constitute "cruel and inhuman treatment and is a violation of multiple human rights... Such punitive policies must be prohibited in law and immediately ceased."*

Since that report, there has been a massive increase in the already inhumane practices described in the UN report. There has also been new tactics the Encampment Management Team deploys including demolishing entire communities of self-built homes or taking vehicles people live in. Despite their assertions, The City does not offer any alternative shelter to the communities it destroys - not even a tent or one night in a homeless shelter, but leaves people vulnerable and traumatized on the side of the road where their homes & RVs once stood.

The Housing Justice Village is organized by unhoused residents who have been traumatized, harmed, set-back and left to freeze to death on the streets after their emergency homes were destroyed or towed. Together with housed allies and non-profit supporters who have witnessed The City's horrific practices and devastating consequences, Oaklanders are standing up to counter The City's lies and demand an end to the cruel and inhumane anti-homeless practices.

Join us to discuss/witness:

- ⇒ **Oakland STORIES** of the human rights violations featured in the UN Report.
- ⇒ Unhoused Oaklanders who have been victims of The City's abuse will be supported in filing **civil rights lawsuits** against Mayor Libby Schaaf and her agents of inhumanity
- ⇒ **Oakland community-based SOLUTIONS to ending homelessness** in Oakland and applying the UN mandates.
- ⇒ Curbside residents who have been traumatized by The City will be creating space to heal together from the brutality they have endured.

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**WHEN & WHERE:**

**Sunday, November 24<sup>nd</sup>**

**the location of the new HOUSING JUSTICE VILLAGE will be made public  
text the number 797979**

**with the message HOMESNOW**

to be notified of the location

please check in with Media Info Tent on site

**MORE INFO:**

Needa Bee  
The Village

Candice Elder  
The East Oakland Collective

Happening simultaneously is a call to action to contact city council members. see details here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/428725104477871/>

And a tent and provisions drive to get tents and winter gear for unhoused residents The City left on the streets after homes were demolished or RVs and campers were towed:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/494508467921976/>

**WHO:**

**The Village** in Oakland is a grassroots human rights movement led by unhoused leaders and housed allies. The Village supports curbside communities, advocates for Oakland's unsheltered residents, develops unhoused leadership, and creates Villages of emergency housing and support services for unhoused residents to find sanctuary from the streets.

**The East Oakland Collective** (EOC) is a member-based community organizing group invested in serving the communities of deep East Oakland by working towards racial and economic equity. With programming in economic development, civic engagement and leadership, EOC helps amplify underserved communities from the ground up. EOC is committed to driving impact in the landscape, politics and economic climate of deep East Oakland.

**First They Came for the Homeless** (FTCftH) is a group of unhoused people who have organized themselves on the streets of Berkeley and San Francisco both for mutual support and to promote a political message regarding homelessness, homeless people, income inequality and the privatization of the commons in the United States. We stand in solidarity with our curbside brothers and sisters in Oakland.