

MAKE SURE WE HAVE CONTACT INFO FOR THE WOODWARDS 58 & FOR WITNESSES TO THE SUNDAY POLICE ATTACK & FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD STUFF THAT WAS TAKEN STOLEN.

See Aaron & he'll write it down. Also if you haven't passed along a list of the stuff, you should do that too. We want to make sure we have a complete list of everybody's things.

DATE TO REMEMBER: **THURSDAY OCTOBER 3** - ONE WEEK FROM TOMORROW - A LEGAL MEETING FOR THE WOODWARDS 58 AT 42 BLOOD ALLEY AT 6PM SHARP.



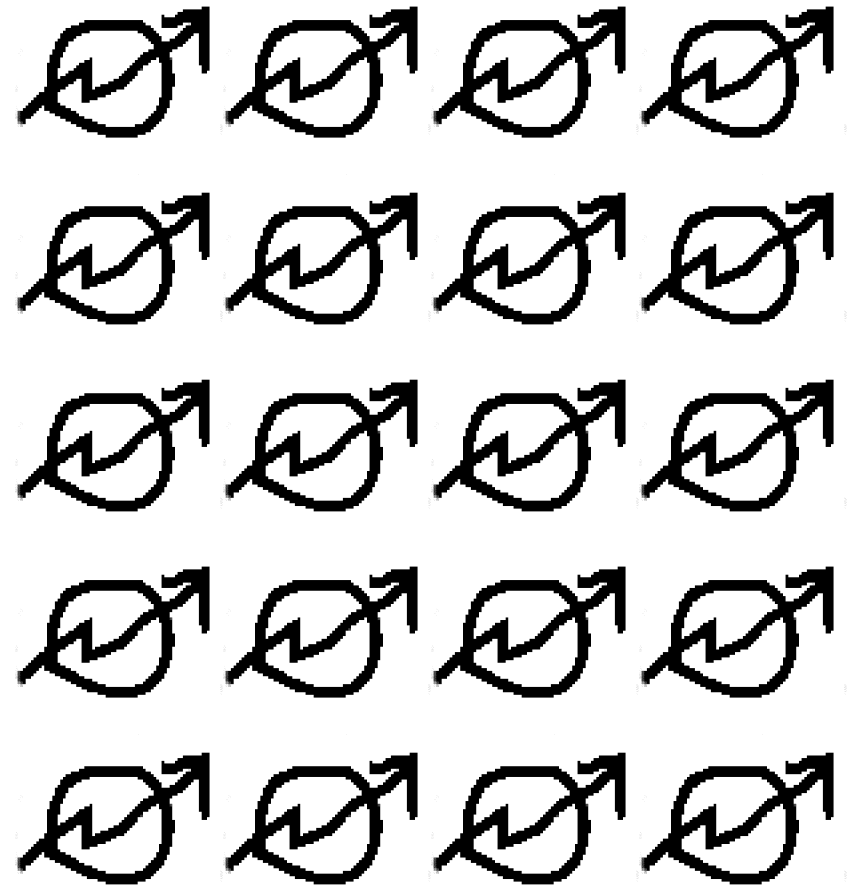
I am not a criminal that Gordon Campbell and others have labeled me as being. In reality, Gordon is the criminal. People are fed up. Soon there will be no middle class, only rich or poor. All Gordon cares about is money for himself and his rich buddies. Step down, Gordon. You're not needed. *Brody*

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W.O.O.D.S.Q.U.A.T. #5

NEW WRITING FROM THE WOODWARDS SQUAT

AND FEATURING HISTORICAL PHOTOS FROM OTHER VANCOUVER SQUATS



WITH A SUPPORT LETTER FROM COSTA RICA

25 SEP 02 - DAY 12!

I am tired of people qualifying police actions by saying that they are only doing their jobs. Tired of officers saying their “personal beliefs are unrelated to their actions,” that they are “only following orders.” How about a society where personal beliefs are not second to one’s paycheck? How about a society where personal beliefs not only affect one’s actions, but guide them. I would like one police officer, politician, or government office to honestly say that they would not feel differently about their actions at Woodward’s, if a paycheck was not involved. I dare any person to say that the actions of anyone involved in the demolishing of the Woodward’s Squat is acceptable due to circumstance.

WHAT ABOUT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES?



Natives camping along Burrard Inlet. Date unknown.

Support Letter from Costa Rica - To Gordon Campbell - Sep 23

Imagine the look of shock on the faces of some of my colleagues here in Costa Rica today to know that the government and police of Vancouver, Canada took the bedding and supplies away from HOMELESS people and threw them in a garbage truck. It is not only me who is shocked, angered, and disappointed today that HUMAN BEINGS could do something so low, stealing everything from people who have very little to begin with.

Not to mention arresting people for not having homes and therefore having to sleep in the streets. Yes, it should be ILLEGAL not to have a home. In fact, internationally, it is illegal, all governments have a responsibility to provide the basic needs, including shelter, to everyone. So, given the government has broken international human rights codes, the police should be putting them in jail at this very minute. Perhaps you should call your family and tell them you have broken international laws and are expecting to do some jail time for it tonight.

But no, you don't have to do that. You and your government can sit back with your salary increases and homes in Point Grey or West Vancouver, and your warm homes with beds, bedding, and kitchens full of food, and kick back while you watch television. No, you really don't have much to worry about.

However, you might think again. Because I have told a handful of people here in Costa Rica about what you have done. And yes, I think we can all imagine the shock for people here in Costa Rica to imagine that a country with governments much richer than their own has people living on the streets, and getting arrested for it! And having their sleeping bags stolen, in a climate much cooler than their own as well. These are not the kinds of abuses of people they expect to hear about from a country that portrays itself as a leader for human rights and as a so called 'developed' nation.

Today, this is the image of Canada a handful of people in Costa Rica have right now. But they will tell their friends. And other people from British Columbia in the world today will tell their friends. And other people in British Columbia that support the right for a poor to have a home will tell their friends. And more and more people will know what has happened this weekend, what your government has done. And more and more people will stand up, and say that this kind of behaviour and abuse of people in Vancouver, in British Columbia, and in Canada is unacceptable!! If you think you have seen protest in the last year, you haven't seen anything yet.

You, your government, and the police, are trying to discredit the action by poor people in Vancouver by stating that the 'protest has been taken over by hard core social activists'. Well, let me share one more thing with you today. This is called 'solidarity'. The people in Central America obviously understand it better than you: it means that when the poor are suffering, you don't stand by and let it happen. You don't watch it every day for a year, when you have the money and power to change the situation, but do nothing. You help out, you sit with people in support, you bring food, sleeping bags, and everything else they need to survive. And when the police steal their stuff, you come back again with more food. This is not a radical hard core activist concept, Gordon Campbell, this is what we call humanity.

You can arrest the poor and lock them up again and again, but they will not go away. And those of us, in solidarity with them around the world, will not go away either. So you might want to think again, because I think you have a few things to worry about today. There are more of us out here than you think, and we will win!

In Solidarity with the protesters at the Woodward's building,
Beth Clarke
Development worker, Costa Rica
Resident, Vancouver, Canada

I woke up to the yells
Then I heard the bells
They came in fast
I said I'd be the last
They pulled me away
and told me I couldn't stay
so outside is where I lay
for now and the rest of today

Rabbit



Three Houses from the Frances Street Squat, 1990. "The Frances squats started as the word quickly spread of four empty houses on the street. One house was used as a wimmin-only space. The fences separating the backyards were torn down, a free store set up in a garage, and a community jamboree and potluck were held. After a few months a fifth house on Frances, a large four-story home, was squatted. An eviction notice was served to tenants living in another house on the street, but they refused to leave, and their home became the sixth squat." All historical pictures & blurb are from Keeping Time: www.geocities.com/emithsilas/vansquat.html.

As you see we came right back to Woodward's after they removed us with force & threw out our personal belongings & our beds and blankets. But as you see that didn't stop us. We have beds & blankets again. I am trying to encourage people to support us & get food for us. The police can't take our pride away. We will always stick together as one big family. *Chris*

The tension is so thick you can cut it with a knife!
Waiting for them to come in and ruin another life!

Pushing us further into depression
Forcing us to live with the oppression

Making it a further horror
to live as one of the poorer

What will it take.
What difference will it make!

We will be heard!
We will be understood!

We Will Win
and homelessness will no longer be a Sin!

Ångel. Sept 24/02



Immigrants from Finland built 70 homes on stilts in a tidal area in the early 1890s. About 50 residents continue to live at the Finn Slough to this day.

We are the squatters on Abbott Street.
You might as well give up.
Cuz we won't be beat!
We know this street up and down.
Help us make Woodward's our home right now!
The cops are walking down the street.
In the shadows some of us get beat.
You brush us off like we're stupid and soft.
But we're smart and strong and we will
GO ON!
Until Woodward's is ours
Rock on guys and to us
ALL THE POWER

Lacey

HAC SHIT LIST

Disruptive ... Sirens ...
Give 'em somin' to do ...
Hijacking
A Staffing problem
On the front lines too.

ITS FORWARDS
WOULD WARDS
IN OUR QUARTERS
FOR MORE QUATERS

It's for the people inside
50/50 for the people
(hike)

Homeless hungry tired in pains
Pop the GRND FLR
EXIT OFF the lanes

Really crummy living conditions
Guest fees and harassment
\$90 million ain't enough

"Why don't you come and pick something up, instead
of telling us how to do it" shouts outta the street ...

Mice ... but NO cockroaches

Taum, W58