

SUPPORT THE
COALITION OF WOODWARDS
SQUATTERS AND SUPPORTERS



**Support the
Struggle for
Social Housing!**

@ 101 West Hastings St
(Hastings and Abbott)

OUR DEMANDS :

1. Develop Woodward's as social housing immediately: there must be an allotment of housing in the building for aboriginal people equal to or greater than the percentage of aboriginal people in the DTES.
2. Reverse the cuts to social housing and all social services
3. Draft a civic anti-vacancy bylaw to seize and convert empty, abandoned buildings into social housing
4. Full disclosure of all information regarding the proposed sale and development of Woodward's
5. The Federal government must fund and support the development of aboriginal business in the proposed commercial storefronts on the ground floor of Woodward's. Develop an urban Native self-governing office in the building with drop-in/support services and culturally sensitive Native liaison workers from the community.
6. Decent and dignified immediate shelter for all homeless squatters forced from Woodward's and asked to leave the sidewalk in front of the building.

SUPPORT THE WOODWARDS COALITION! FIGHT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING!

The Coalition of Woodward's Squatters and Supporters formed to fight for social housing as a solution to the housing crisis in Vancouver and all across British Columbia. When the Liberals froze social housing spending last year they made a bad situation worse for poor people all across the province. Homelessness, wretched living conditions, and ridiculously high rental fees have made life dangerously unstable and difficult for many people in BC.

The Coalition of Woodward's Squatters grew out of the occupation of the Woodward's building that started when people opened the building for free housing on September 14th. Although the squatters have been evicted from inside, they still have a tent city out front of the building, and are refusing to leave until their demands are met.

The police have cleared the people in the tent city off the street once since it was set up, but it was immediately set up again by the squatters, and their battle against the provincial government for more social housing continues.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS ACTION

- **Join the Tent City!** The more people outside, the better
- **Donate your time!** There's always lots of work to be done: cooking food, cleaning, security: sign up today!
- **Donate supplies!** We need LOTS of the following:
 - * **Food, water, disposable containers, coffee**
 - * **Mattresses, blankets, socks, shoes**
 - * **Plywood, nails, hammers, palettes, tarps**

If you are able to donate any items, please bring them down to the Woodward's building, located at Hastings and Abbott

For more information, please call (604) 682-2726