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The Woodward's building was opened for free housing on Saturday September 14th by a group of housing activists and squatters from all around Vancouver. On Monday, September 16th, the squatters were issued a court injunction that was followed on Tuesday with an enforcement order. Police Inspector Ken Frail asked the squatters to come up with a plan that would result in a swift and peaceful resolution. The squatters developed the idea of a meeting with crucial decision making parties and five accompanying demands. They are refusing to leave until their demands are met.

#### DEMANDS:

We demand a meeting at 5pm on Thursday September 19th between BC Housing; City Council; Jeffrey Hughes, the private partner interested in buying the building; Housing Minister George Abbott; Premier Gordon Campbell; and all of the squatters. The squatters feel that a meeting with all of these crucial groups is the only way to resolve this problem peacefully.

1. Develop the Woodward's building into social housing immediately.
2. Reverse the cuts to social housing and all social services.
3. Draft a civic anti-vacancy by-law to seize and convert empty buildings into social housing.
4. Full disclosure of all information regarding the proposed sale and development of the building.
5. Decent and dignified immediate shelter for all homeless squatters asked to leave the building.

If the squatters are forcibly removed without resolution they have promised that they will return and continue the fight for social housing. Further to the demands, the squatters require binding agreements that would guarantee that promises for social housing in Woodward's are not backed out on for the fourth time in ten years.

#### THE WOODWARDS SQUAT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

With police pressure mounting and the political effect of the squat on the Liberals mounting, it is absolutely essential that we show the demands and the struggle have massive and diverse support throughout the city. It is important that when the officials come to the meeting at the squat on Thursday at five, they are greeted with a huge crowd that will not settle for any more stalls or excuses in the development of Woodward's into social housing. If the political and business representatives do not show up, it is equally important that a large rally exists to embarrass them.

The squat also needs donations of:  
Food, money, blankets, mattresses, and tobacco.

In solidarity; The Woodward's Squat.

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