

## **The Coalition of Woodward's Squatters and Supporters**

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Date: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002

To: The Honourable George Abbott  
Minister of Community, Aboriginal, and Women's Affairs

From: Negotiating Committee  
Coalition of Woodward's Squatters and Supporters

Re: Negotiations

While we were Squatting inside the Woodward's building you indicated that you would not enter into negotiations until we left the building. As you must be aware, we have met this requirement and are therefore demanding you immediately enter into negotiations around the interim as well as the end use of the building.

There is an urgent need for a solution to the homeless and housing crisis in our community and in our city. We expect that you meet immediately with us to discuss this problem. The media has reported that you indicated a willingness over the past couple days to meet with us. We will therefore assume that if communication does not occur within the next couple days we are welcome to take this matter up with you personally.

Please reply to us at immediately at 604-215-2263 and fax the response also to 604-215-2287.

We urgently await your immediate reply,

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