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****URGENT: PLEASE FORWARD WIDELY****

Today around 12:00 noon, the City of Vancouver got an enforcement order to remove the squatters around the Woodward's building. The remaining squatters are waiting until the new COPE Mayor and Council are sworn in on December 2, when the Squat "Emergency Response Team" will be working with the incoming Council to find housing for the homeless camped around Woodward's.

The Vancouver Police Department, however, may not be willing to wait that long; armed with an enforcement order, they may remove the Woodward's Squatters at any time.

The experiences of the past few months has taught us that the most likely time for the police to act will be late night/early morning between the hours of 9:00 pm - 9:00 am.

The homeless squatters are asking volunteers to come down to do "witnessing" shifts. IN THE EVENT OF POLICE ACTION, WITNESSES ARE ASKED TO WITNESS AND, IF POSSIBLE, RECORD POLICE ACTIVITIES, BUT NOT INTERFERE IN THE ACTIONS OF POLICE.

MANY AT THE SQUAT ARE EXPECTING THE POLICE TO ACT EITHER FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHT/EARLY MORNING SO YOUR PRESENCE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED AT THIS TIME (PLEASE BRING CELL PHONES, VIDEO CAMERAS AND OTHER RECORDING DEVICES IF YOU HAVE THEM; PAPER AND PEN WILL ALSO DO).

PLEASE CALL 604-727-8471, WHICH IS THE SQUAT'S 24-HOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE LINE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN-UP FOR A SHIFT (OR JUST GO DOWN TO THE SQUAT AT ABBOTT & HASTINGS).

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