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Below is a statement written by APC members in response to the Vancouver Courier's article written by Allan Garr.

The Anti-Poverty Committee is an organisation that does not adhere to the false divisions projected upon the poor working class. We are a group comprised of poor people currently employed, unemployed, housed, and shelterless. We are brought together by our disdain of neo-liberalism and our struggle against oppression.

Recently there has been a series of 'news' articles published by the Vancouver Courier attempting to isolate members of the APC and enforce false divisions. Of the two members pointed out one is receiving the average union salary while the other is on maternity leave.

Articles in the Courier suggest those who live pay cheque-to-pay cheque and live one foot above the street, as do hundreds of thousands who live in Vancouver, should not concern themselves with the catastrophe of homelessness, as they are not homeless.

For those who propose to do nothing, that is an excuse to do nothing.

It has been a long-standing strategy to discredit organisations through the media by make believing the contradictions are internal. The reality is poor people have a vested interest in defending ourselves, we do this thre acts of solidarity.

We do not expect the writers or editors of the Courier to be sympathetic to the struggle of poor people. As the paper is owned by Can West it is the writers responsibility to carry-on the journalistic sensationalism of their larger family members such as the National Post and the Province, even if they (the Courier) are just irrelevant distant cousins.

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