Call for Independent Human Rights Observers

We, the undersigned, ask Amnesty International, UN NGO's, news agencies, and human rights watch groups of all kinds as well as foreign observers to visit Santa Cruz & document Human Rights abuses against the homeless population. These include the laws criminalizing outdoor and vehicular sleep for homeless people at night, bans and severe restrictions on public space use during the day, and seizure and destruction of homeless survival gear.

Local courts and legislative bodies along with police agenices ignore or actively deny these basic human rights and punish advocates seeking to expose these abuses. One man, Gary Johnson, was sentenced to 2-years in jail for sleeping on a bench with a "Sleep is not a Crime" sign as a protest outside the main courthouse. He had already served 6 months for a prior "sleepcrime".

We call on independent agencies foreign & domestic to help us.

- ***This petition can be signed by ANYONE who agrees with the above statement.***
- ***You do NOT have to be a city resident, registered voter, adult, or non-felon to sign.***
- ***Please include contact information if you wish to help with subsequent action.***
- ***Such action may include lobbying, an Initiative, a lawsuit, peaceful protest, boycotts, theatrical satire, letters to the media, providing food and shelter, defending victims of the Camping Ordinance in court, or other support of your choice.***
- ***PLEASE PRINT carefully and clearly. WE DO NOT NEED ACTUAL SIGNATURES***
- ***Indicate whether you are housed or unhoused, what abuse you have suffered if any, & what support you wish to offer (if any) such as writing, computer work, tabling, graphic design, etc***

Name	Phone or E-Mail	Nature of Abuse	Volunteer Support Offered