

“The right to sleep—not anywhere and everywhere—but somewhere.”

Pledge

to give special recognition to those downtown businesses that support restoring civil & human rights to the homeless community here.

We encourage you to place the attached Pledge in your window or somewhere in your business where it can be seen by the general public.

In Santa Cruz tonight and through the rest of the summer there will be legal shelter at night to sleep for less than 10% of the homeless community.

Those outside face \$97 citations. If these are ignored (as most are), the *Downtown Association* has supported a new law passed by City Council making three unpaid tickets a jailing offense.

Not satisfied, the City Attorney and some downtown businesses (with no objection from the Downtown Association) have secured a Preliminary Injunction against two homeless musicians mandating jail if they fall asleep downtown, at the Town Clock, in Scope Park, or in San Lorenzo Park for the next such “offense”.

We hope you will dissociate yourself from these anti-homeless policies.

We are encouraging tourists, shoppers, and residents to spend their money at businesses that do not discriminate and do not support discriminatory laws. We hope you will join in finding a compassionate and sensible solution with this first step.

If you have any questions, please call HUFF at 423-4833.

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HRO (Human Rights Organization)
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