

# ***“End the War on the Poor!”***

*All wars are wars against the poor, the Earth, and the most vulnerable. The wars on the poor take many forms, including heavy military recruitment of poor youth, persecution of immigrant families, 500 years of violence against and incarceration of indigenous and black communities, militarized policing and industrial poisoning of poor neighborhoods... PEOPLE PROJECT wishes to join in struggle with all poor communities. Please join us to end all wars.*

Millions of people are struggling to survive, to live in dignity, and provide for basic necessities. Millions more are a step away. To make it even more difficult, local ordinances and historic prejudice allow sheriffs, police and the criminal (in)justice system to harass, intimidate, jail, abuse, and fine some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

## **We Must Decriminalize Houselessness in Humboldt County!**

### **Types of Criminalization Measures**

Legislation that makes it illegal to sleep, sit, or store personal belongings in public spaces, though many people, out of necessity, are forced to live in these areas.

Selective enforcement of public property laws so as to only target people profiled as poor or houseless.

Selective enforcement of seemingly more neutral laws, such as loitering or open container laws, against houseless persons.

Sweeps of areas where homeless persons are living, frequently resulting in the destruction of those persons' personal property, including important documents, medication, and survival gear.

Media and sick societal attitudes that deem houseless people to be disposable and deserving of abuse.

Laws and police harassment which intimidate and punish people for first amendment activities of begging, panhandling, and holding signs asking for work.

**In addition to direct action and litigation to decriminalize houselessness, with your support, we will petition the Board of Supervisors and City Councils to:**

1. Eliminate all ordinances that violate constitutional laws and basic human rights.
2. Stop the deliberate campaign of cruelty, disappearance and deprivation by local government against houseless people
3. Relinquish a sizable piece of city or county property to us so that we can cultivate a safe sleep and community space.

### **Demand Social and Economic Justice**

Trillions! of dollars and lives have been stolen from us by the Financial Industry's Fraud, Corporate Greed, Prison Industrial Complex, the overkill Military Budget, the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is time for new priorities. We demand health care, child care, housing, education and good jobs.

**Protest! Rally! March! Stand Up! Speak Out! Organize! Unite!**