Petition to End the Sleeping Ban

We, the undersigned, urge Santa Cruz City Council to immediately end the City's anti-homeless Sleeping and Blanket Bans in Santa Cruz (MC 6.36.010a and MC 6.36.010b).

There is no available emergency walk-in shelter for homeless people until mid-November. New oppressive laws before City Council will now make Sleeping tickets a jailing offense.

To restore human rights to poor and homeless people, to avoid costly lawsuits, and to do the right thing, we ask Santa Cruz to join other major California cities like Los Angeles, San Diego, Richmond, & Laguna Beach. In these cities, nighttime sleeping outside is no longer a crime.

We ask that the Council amend the City's Camping Ordinance to allow for safe and legal places for the City's homeless population to sleep without fear of arrest or harassment.

- ***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.***

Name	Phone	E-Mail	Registered City Voter?	Housed?	Skills/Availability