

# SUPPORT PEACECAMP 2010

**WHERE?** On Center St. Between Church and Locust St.

**WHEN?** Protest by Day, Sleep or Vigil at Night until the Ban is lifted

**WHY?** Restore the Right to Sleep-Not Anywhere & Everywhere, but Somewhere

- Santa Cruz - where the government has declared war on poor and homeless people.
- City Council authorizes police to harass them for survival behavior: sitting down, begging, or sleeping at night. This is a costly and futile effort in a time of budget shortfalls.
- City police are giving out harassment tickets they know will be dismissed in court because of the lack of shelter space. Cracking down, police have issued many misdemeanor 647e "lodging" tickets for the same sleepcrime which will require costly misdemeanor trials.
- In the last week, city officials have put up high-powered concentration-camp style klieg lights at night to "shine away" the protest, seized homeless property and signs, jailed protesters requiring them to stop protesting prior to any conviction, and declared the entire City Hall plaza area a "forbidden zone" after 10pm at night.

## Support the Civil Rights Struggle with whatever you can

- Available emergency shelter space for homeless people available is limited to 8% of the homeless population. There is no walk-in Shelter Space available at the Paul Lee Loft.
- Protesters need blankets, prepared food, phone cards, and other items. The best time to meet them is at the nightly 8:15pm community meeting where ideas are discussed, strategies evolved, and news exchanged.
- In this atmosphere of oppression and criminality, local attorney Ed Frey is defending homeless people cited for visibly sleeping in safe areas (for a month in front of the courthouse, then in front of city hall) and visibly protesting the abusive laws and police practices.

## Contact Ed Frey at 479-8911 to support legal challenges to the Ban

### Suggestions for PeaceCamp 2010 Participants & Supporters:

- Bring a camera or audio recorder if you have one.
- Park your vehicle nearby to keep watch through the night - sign up for the Sleepwatch program.
- Those who are there to witness but not sleep (nor covered up with blankets) are legal and, presumably, constitutionally protected.
- Come and spend time at the Peace Camp even if you can't stay the night.

**Contact PeaceCamp 2010 at <http://peacecamp2010.blogspot.com> for more info**

**Alternate contacts:** Homeless United for Friendship and Freedom (HUFF) at 831 423-HUFF or e-mail Becky Johnson at [becky\\_johnson222@hotmail.com](mailto:becky_johnson222@hotmail.com)

**Regular news updates at [www.indybay.org/santacruz](http://www.indybay.org/santacruz) and [peacecamp2010.blogspot.com](http://peacecamp2010.blogspot.com)**

To join the HUFF e-mail list, send an e-mail to [rnorse3@hotmail.com](mailto:rnorse3@hotmail.com)

Register a protest at City Hall any time by calling 831-420-5020 with a message to City Council.