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re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST about Food Not Bombs feeding homeless at Santa Cruz Main Post Office

Dear Ms. Eyre:

It has come to my attention that the Santa Cruz Main Post Office in conjunction with the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) and the Santa Cruz Office of the District Attorney is trying to criminalize the social justice organization Food Not Bombs feeding (disabled and hungry) homeless people on the steps of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office. Please refer to the Santa Cruz Indymedia article by local activist/journalist Robert Norse about this referenced by the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ajbl3or>

I do not understand why the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) would disrupt charity feeding of (disabled and hungry) homeless people by Food Not Bombs when the feeding sessions are conducted in a cleanly, sanitary and inoffensive manner that does not disrupt USPS business. At a time when homelessness is at a record high because of economic conditions beyond the control of homeless individuals, I find it offensive that the USPS would collude with the SCPD and the Santa Cruz Office of the District Attorney to criminalize charity performed in the name of re-prioritizing our economy towards peaceful ends rather than towards war making. This is especially pertinent because many (disabled and hungry) homeless individuals are victims of our nation's skewed economic priorities: they are the victims of a war economy. This is even more offensive because nationally 12% of the homeless are veterans who served their country. Please inspect the following informational website:

<http://tinyurl.com/b3dladc>

To begin investigating this matter I am submitting a FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST under [5 U.S.C. § 552](#) commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

I ask for:

- All electronic and non-electronic written communications between employees of the USPS, the Santa Cruz Office of the District Attorney and the SCPD about or pertaining to Food Not Bombs feeding (disabled and hungry) homeless people on the steps of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office at 850 Front Street in Santa Cruz, California, from between November 1, 2012 and today, January 20, 2012.
- The most current USPS policies governing the use of the steps of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office at 850 Front Street in Santa Cruz, California by private (nonprofit) organizations.

I am willing to pay fees up to \$60. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first before completing my request.

However, I request a waiver of all fees for this request. I believe disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it will likely contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. Specifically, I intend to share this material with Congress, the carbon copied news media, and with nonprofit advocacy organizations (which I have carbon copied in the past), for their dissemination of information about why the USPS has targeted Food Not Bombs for their charity feeding of (disabled and hungry) homeless people in Santa Cruz, California. Moreover, I intend to post the requested materials on the Internet for other academic, legal and political researchers to view, so that they may better understand why the USPS would target Food Not Bombs for their charity feeding of (disabled and hungry) homeless people in Santa Cruz, California.

I ask that if the requested materials are electronically available in Portable Document Format (PDF), MS Word Document (DOC), Hypertext Markup (HTM), eXtensible Style Language (XLS), Rich Text Format (RTF), native email formats — like AOL for Windows, Apple Mail, Claris EMailer, Compuserve, EML, Entourage, Eudora, Maildir, MBOX File, Mulberry, Neoplanet, Outlook, Outlook Express, Outspring, Powertalk, Quickmail Pro, Thunderbird, Windows Mail, Windows Live Mail, Yahoo Archive! — or as hyperlinks to the Internet that they be provided to me in those forms, preferably in their native form.

Thank you for fulfilling my request under the FOIA to help provide Congress, nonprofit advocacy organizations and the news media information about the USPS colluding with the SCPD and the Santa Cruz Office of the District Attorney to disrupt the charity feeding of (disabled and hungry) homeless people, approximately 11% of which are

veterans who served their country.

Sincerely yours,
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