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re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST w.r.t. USPS disrupting Food Not Bombs under threat of arrest

Dear Ms. Eyre:

Once more the Santa Cruz Main Post Office in conjunction with the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) tried 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 following comment from a Santa Cruz Indymedia article by local activist/journalist Robert Norse about this using the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/blxg8sn>

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) prevented — for now — the charity feeding of (disabled and hungry) homeless people by Food Not Bombs on the outside steps of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office although the feeding sessions are conducted in a cleanly, sanitary and unobstructive manner that does not disrupt USPS business.

The Santa Cruz Postal Inspector who demanded under threat of arrest that Food Not Bombs leave the Santa Cruz Main Post Office steps last Saturday, January 26, 2013 couldn't explain clearly under what legal authority his demands were being made. He also refused to identify himself or his superiors to local journalist/commentator Robert Norse who was audio recording this incident.

It is not clear what authority the Santa Cruz Postmaster has to prevent Food Not Bombs from using the Santa Cruz Main Post Office steps for charity feeding of (disabled and hungry) homeless people when the feedings are not obstructing USPS business.

To continue 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 including but not limited to letters, reports, summaries, memoranda, emails, and notes written by employees of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office about or pertaining to Food Not Bombs feeding homeless people on the steps of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office at 850 Front Street in Santa Cruz, California, from between December 1, 2012 and today, January 28, 2013.
- All written complaints by customers of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office about Food Not Bombs from between December 1, 2012 and today, January 28, 2013.
- The most current organization chart for the Santa Cruz Main Post Office.
- The most current handbook sections, guides, rules and implementing documents describing federal regulations and laws governing the use of the steps of the Santa Cruz Main Post Office at 850 Front Street in Santa Cruz, California by both private (nonprofit) organizations and by private individuals.

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, **11% whom are veterans who served their country**. 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 to prevent the charity feeding of (disabled and hungry) homeless people, **11% who are veterans**, on USPS property.

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