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After **she got the licenses** and formally complained about his behavior he continued to harass her with repeated, selective, malicious and improperly anti-street performer Downtown Ordinances to force her to move 100' every hour (when other spots were often not available) and not return for 24 hours. **Barnett has refused to designate legal spots** holding the threat of citations over her head, driving her to tears and near-collapse.

**Kate has requested help: First, buy her scarfs** if you find them pleasing—the harassment has severely cut into her ability to pay for food and lodging. **Second, report to HUFF** any instances of harassment by Barnett (or other police downtown) against street craftspeople, merchants, tablers, or just plain folks. **Third, understand that Kate, usually very outgoing as a person, has been drained by this situation** and may not be able to provide the support for others she normally has. **Fourth, support forthcoming protests** to restore traditional rights and color in downtown Santa Cruz!

Questions or reports? You can also **contact Pat Colby at 831-419-1129**.

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