## Are Puff Parades Progress? Give Us Long-Term Answers! Martin Luther King Wanted Action Not Reassurance

+ **The limited San Lorenzo Campground** with portapotties and wash stations is a good first step, but it helps only a fraction: **Survival Camping is a Right Not a Privilege for a Few.** Support existing survival encampments or provide real options!

+ **Suspension of Night-Time Camping Harassment and Ticketing** is long overdue. But what about the right to use public spaces without ranger, police, and vigilante harassment ? End abusive enforcement of the Downtown Anti-Homeless Laws.

+ **Open the books on use of tasers,** batons, guns, pepper spray, choke holds, & pain compliance **Provide open data on specific incidents**, where, when, who, the charge, and the disposition.

+ **Tokenism and Symbolism** in a MLK Day parade are no substitute for real change. Expecting this to come from internal police reform rather than protest and pressure is an illusion.

+ **Tepid reform efforts** by local groups (Indivisible, NAACP, SCCCR, ACLU) don't hold lethal authorities accountable & serve to "normalize" bad policies & marginalize genuine dissent.

+ **Chief Mills** yet to provide the specific information requested in the flyer below brought to his attention weeks ago.

## **SCPD Under New Management? Demand Real Action !**

+**Open the books on use of tasers,** batons, guns, pepper spray, choke holds, & pain compliance

+**Cut back a bloated police budget** for the largest department in the state for a city of 60,000.

+**Demilitarize** and refocus the SCPD from its flash mob "shock and awe" overkill tactic.

+**Refuse Drug War money**, military equipment, drone, face & license surveillance technology

+Require all SCPD officers to **live in the city** if not the local districts they police.

+End abuse, citations, stay-away's, & arrests of poor & homeless people for status crimes.

+Focus on **white-collar crime**; abuses against workers and tenants; rape, and real crimes

+Swift suspension & **prosecution of criminal cops** with clear histories of violence or abuse.

\*\*\*\* Speed accessibility to withheld records to **monitor class and racial profiling.** 

**\*\*\*\*** Establish **open meetings** with minority, poor, youth, student, disabled and worker groups **to review & assess complaints** independent of the behind-closed doors SCPD in-house process.

\*\*\*\* Hold open meetings withSan Lorenzo Park campers as well as others living outside to determine wants, needs, and concerns around current police behavior.

\*\*\*\* Reveal all present & prospective agreements with other police agencies re: demonstrations

\*\*\*\* Institute **regular record keeping of all police stops** involving detention or citation.

\*\*\*\* Halt all SCPD involvement with City Council's cop-empowered "Stay Away" orders.

\*\*\*\* Reveal all **surveillance devices** that regularly spy on law-abiding locals without a warrant.

\*\*\*\* Demand Chief Andy Mills release all reports on Arlt slaying and ICE/DHS collusion.

\*\*\*\* End business-as-usual militarization: **overkill policing tactics**, ever-more invasive surveillance, "swoop and snoop" license plate readers, and the "protest punisher" Bearcat.

\*\*\*\* Demand **City Manager Martin Bernal** publicly investigate documented SCPD abuse of homeless people like Officer Vasquez's sidewalk smash-down of **Richard Hardy** in 2013.

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See "**Demands of the New Police Chief and His Initial Response** for Chief Mills response (on line at "<u>https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2017/12/30/18805570.php</u> ).

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