

Open the Bathrooms Now !

Give a Shit!

- **On August 27th**, City Council voted to back Parks and Recreation [P&R] Supervisor Iseth Rae's Louden Nelson bathrooms closure to all but "program participants".
- **Her boss P&R Director Tony Elliot, his boss City Manager Martin Bernal**, and the City Council majority, headed by **Vice-Mayor Justin Cummings** continue to deny the elderly, the ill, the disabled, the homeless, and the general toilets, reversing decades of free access.
- **Public Records show no documentation justifying the year-long closure** other than the usual vandalism caused by an increase in use. This was prompted by the closure of homeless facilities and Bernal's institutional failure to provide more bathrooms city-wide.
- **Activists from *Conscience and Action, Homeless United for Friendship & Freedom, Food Not Bombs, the California Homeless Union*** and other groups are continuing the ***Freedom Sleepers*** "Give a Shit" campaign from 2017, demanding decent and fair bathroom access.
- **City Council referred** "the bathroom issue" to its CACH (Homelessness) Committee, but that's not on its September 3rd Agenda.
- **Rae additionally backs a dangerous and discriminatory "homeless are dangerous" narrative with fences around the park, a First Alarm guard, and a new set of restrictive regulations**
- Appeals to **Elliot, Rae, Bernal**, and the City Council have been shined on or ignored for over a year. **Councilmember Drew Glover's** direct attempts to have City Council open the bathrooms have been indefinitely delayed by **Mayor Watkins** and **Vice-Mayor Cummings**.

Liberate the Locked Lavatories

at Louden Nelson (aka Louden Nelson) Center

Tuesday September 3 1:30 PM

- **Sign up today to support direct action** to reopen bathrooms city-wide
- **Bathrooms are closed citywide:** All-night in the Parks. Restricted at businesses.
- **No 24-hour bathrooms;** only 3 portapotties downtown.
- Since Ross Camp closed, the number of portapotties available at night has **shrunk by 2/3**; Wash stations have not been replaced. No showers either.
- **Bring video equipment** (phones are fine) to future actions.
- **Request the secret bathroom code** at Louden Nelson & spread it around.
- **Provide witness & support** if peaceful potty-seekers are arrested.