WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of Oaklanders who are homeless, who are housed or who are on the verge of becoming homeless.

Over the past two years, we have been survivors of and/or witnesses to the cruel and inhumane treatment of The City government to Oakland’s unhoused.

In the past two years these government offices have spent more than $30 million dollars towards "solving" homelessness. But during those two years homelessness doubled in Oakland, and dozens of unhoused residents who used the city's programs are back on the streets.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

1. An immediate end to evictions of curbside communities, demolitions of homes and towing of vehicles people live in or store belongings in.

2. An immediate end to the destruction of curbside residents' personal property and survival gear.

3. The City Council directed the Mayor and her Administration two years ago to identify and make available at least two parcels of public land in each district to be used for sanctuaries, villages or other community led emergency approaches to support and shelter curbside communities. This never happened, and must happen immediately.

4. No more fundraising for or building any more Tuff Sheds. These programs are a waste of money and not effective to meet the scale of the homeless state of emergency or the actual needs of curbside residents.

5. An end to market rate and above market rate development. The City must turn its attention to the neglected, deeply affordable housing development goals in the next year.

6. Immediately upgrade all curbside communities with adequate portapotties, trash services, clean drinking water, solar power and improvements to self-built homes.

7. Due to his anti-homeless tendencies, his abuse of power, his complete disregard of the humanity and rights of curbside residents, his mismanagement of millions of dollars to go towards solutions to homelessness - we call for an immediate dismissal of Assistant to the Administrator Joe De Vries. Due to his deep anti-homeless biases and arbitrary decision making that impact the lives and well being of Oakland's unhoused, he cannot lead the approaches to solve this crisis.

8. The immediate implementation of City Councilwoman Nikki Fortunato Bas' recommendations to align all The City's approaches to homelessness with a human rights lense.

9. The demilitarization of encampments and the immediate dissolution of the City of Oakland's Encampment Management Team.