

# Containment Camp or Criminalization?

## Resources for All Not Just Those Behind Fences & Under Curfew

On Wednesday August 5, city & county authorities bulldozed and evicted the remaining survival camps outside the fenced-and-monitored County camp destroying community there. The option: register at the camp or leave now !

**The County-run encampment** is fenced off on 4 sides & subject to a midnight to dawn curfew. Young inexperienced workers wield oppressive authority over elders **That camp** provides a number of positive improvements for those who chose it such as potable water, multiple meals daily, some storage, more security from theft, regular meals, a free tent, & occasional showers.

**But it serves less than 100**, reduces personal possessions, provides a smaller space between residents, imposes visitor restrictions, allows little resident input, treats adults like children or prisoners, & will likely increase in regimentation.

**For the majority of unhoused Santa Cruzans, City & County authorities** are providing only waiting lists to unsafe group shelters such as Paul Lee Loft, the Veteran's Building, the Armory, & Laurel St. and not safer motel rooms or housing under Projects Roomkey and Housekey. What about the dozens of vacant rooms?

**Forcible deportations from the Benchlands** violate CDC "shelter-in-place" guidelines and deny most the resources now available only to the few inside the containment camp fences. Operating a showcase camp doesn't serve the many.

**Stop Police threats** against all survival camps—removal threatens community health. Defund police and redirect money to local groups really serving us.

**Provide the same Benchland resources** to all those outside throughout the City.

**Eviction Moratorium or Rent Strike !** Renters—join with elders, homeless, students, differently-abled, impoverished, and other vulnerable/abused folks !

**Remove Signage along Delaware and Swanton Street** illegally violating the Coastal Act as well as yellow tape & obstructive notices blocking survival parking for vehicular homes along those streets. **Help don't harass vehicular dwellers!**

**Make Testing Available** in the group shelters to honestly assess the spread of COVID-19 and prevent outbreaks such as happened in Watsonville recently.

## While politicians Yap and Yodel, don't wait for Elections but take Direct Action to Establish Justice in Santa Cruz !

