Survival & Dignity for the Unhoused
Health Protection for the Rest of Us
Stop the Sweeps!

City Attorney Tony Condotti and City Manager Huffaker are spending City money on the planned July Dispersal of the San Lorenzo Survival Camps while simultaneously claiming the crowded camp is a “sanctioned” area to which they can force people to go on pain of jail.

Huffaker’s priorities violate the spirit of the *Martin v. Boise federal court ruling* (“no citations without shelter options”) as well as the federal health CDC guidelines as the COVID spreads.

Two harsh anti-homeless laws were rubberstamped by Mayor Donna Myers’ City Council—without input from the homeless victims or service providers—primarily as a police tool to ignore the *Martin v. Boise* decision. They renew the harsh Sleeping Ban.

This dispersal-without-appeal policy is **costly and fails to use existing state and federal funding** to mitigate conditions in San Lorenzo Park and/or provide more Project Roomkey-style safe sanctuary hotel rooms. Money could be transferred from dangerous, wasteful, & police whack-a-mole policies, but that’s not being discussed.

Community activists and neighbors through direct **peaceful but forceful action** successfully stopped SCPD evictions in San Lorenzo Park in December 2020 & protected Riverside Ave. RV dwellers in the weeks that followed. Direct Action has also defended the daily *Food Not Bombs* meals threatened with City removal.

Some community members may be mobilizing to set up alternate camping zones and support the Benchlands residents. **Sign up to get news** & support immediate solutions.

Endorse Stop the Sweeps if you oppose the destruction and removal of homeless survival camps. No relocation unless & until there are alternate safe facilities provided.

If you oppose this counterproductive and unhealthy use of police force against those most vulnerable, speak out. Also support *Sanitation for the People, Stop the Sweeps, Food Not Bombs, the Santa Cruz Homeless Union, Footbridge Services, HUFF*, and those opposing cruel and crazy city policies likely to intensify in the weeks ahead.
