

STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST THE POOREST OF THE POOR

THE PROBLEM:

20 to 30 people living without legally sanctioned shelter lost all of their belongings during the extreme weather emergency currently occurring. They have been seeking shelter under an awning at the Mountain Community Resources center in downtown Felton.

The manager of the center has **called the sheriff** on them for loitering on at least 4 different occasions **forcing these human beings into the storm** under threat of arrest. The sheriff has only come to drive them out after receiving a complaint from the manager of the center.

These people have little to no possessions or resources and literally no legal place to go.

PLEASE JOIN US IN MAKING THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

- Immediately cease and desist in forcing these people out from under their only shelter and into this terrible weather or provide them with an alternative place to shelter.
- Implement policy changes in accordance with the mission statement of the Mountain Community Resources center, Community Bridges and the funding that they receive for services to youth, families and individuals including, and not excluding those who have no access to legally sanctioned shelter.
- Implement a plan of action in the event of extreme weather and emergency conditions that provides warmth, shelter and a safe place to sleep for the above-mentioned demographics.
- Actively seek to provide or find provision for a legally sanctioned and safe place to shelter for youth, families and individuals living in an extreme degree of poverty and without other options.
- Advocate for ALL impoverished youth, families and individuals.
- Do not discriminate against poor people.
- Do not criminalize or harass poor people.
- Do not intentionally or knowingly put poor people into harm's way.
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PLEASE JOIN US TO INVESTIGATE AND PROTEST

at the

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER

THURSDAY JANUARY 19 at 10:00 am

6134 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON (ACROSS FROM RITE AID)

Background

From the Mountain Community Resources website <https://communitybridges.org/mcr/>

“Our compassionate staff build a warm, friendly, safe place for San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley residents, offering stability and hope for the future. Mountain Community Resources is part of the Community Bridges family of programs

Community Advocacy:

We seek to meet the needs of families through **bi-lingual, bi-cultural** support on both a long and short-term basis. Our drop-in advocacy support aims to **help our community access resources** and set goals to address issues such as **housing**, employment, education, **domestic violence prevention**, childcare and **more.**”

DRIVING PEOPLE FROM SHELTER INTO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

“Counseling:

We partner with professionally pre-licensed clinical counselors to offer free counseling and advocacy to youth, families and **individuals**. Our services provide support for people to learn and access healthy coping skills, **stress management** techniques and work on other issues as needed.” *Appointments will be virtual until further notice*”

SLEEP DEPRIVATION IS A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION --THE GENEVA CONVENTION

FOR FURTHER INQUIRY INTO THIS SITUATION PLEASE CONTACT:

EMAIL Mountain Community Resources: website refers email correspondence to Community Bridges: info@cbridges.org

Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors: BoardOfSupervisors@santacruzcounty.us

5th District Supervisor Bruce McPherson: Fifth.District@santacruzcounty.us

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Any other known entities that allocate funding to Community Bridges or Mountain Valley Resources

CALL Mountain Community Resources: 831-335-6600 Community Bridges: 831-688-8840

Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors: (831) 454-2200 McPherson: (831) 454-2200

WRITE

Mountain Community Resources: 6134 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018

Community Bridges: 519 Main Street Watsonville, California 95076

Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors: 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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