

WOOD STREET COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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On the 27th of January, allies of the Wood Street Community showed up to the law office of Alan J. Horowitz and "The Evictors". This action was a part of a larger campaign to pressure the City, Gamechanger LLC, and their lawyers to drop their lawsuit and ensure that the Wood Street Community is not displaced without people getting their fair share. However, when it came to the day of, Horowitz decided to close his offices due to the threat of our protest. Despite the fact that the only plan was for there to be a peaceful protest in front of a predatory law office, even the idea of having to face the people they are oppressing scared Horowitz and his lackies.

Evict "the Evictors"!

We shut down their office! According to their email, they said the people protesting were "a misguided mob" who were mounting "a hostile attack". This could not be further from the truth. He claimed that "the selfish refusal" of those that live on the lot owned by Gamechanger LLC "is thwarting the ability of the city to provide these basic services to families and individuals in desperate need". The reality of the situation is that many people who have lived on Wood Street for years do not live in vehicles, and many people who live in the community have been in the City's Safe RV Lot program and have left due to the fact that they felt unsafe!



**Alan J. Horowitz
evicts ???**

Despite the fact that Horowitz claims to represent the interests of the people of Wood Street and Oakland, the truth couldn't be further from the point. The reality is that people like Horowitz and his lackeys make a killing off of evicting and displacing hard working residents who are busting their butts every day just to get by. Even though in his email he said he recognizes that people will continue to be pushed out and remain on the streets while there isn't housing available, the fact of the matter is if there was housing available for everyone, he and his firm would be out of a job!

What are they actually offering people?

The Tuff sheds and the "Safe" Parking lots are not adequate for the majority of people on the street. A resident named Sam described the Tuff sheds like this, "**they look like prisons and I ain't going back**".

Additionally, the "Safe" parking lot that Fred Craves plans to build **will not have enough space for all current residents** and only residents staying in vehicles will be eligible to use the site. **This site will only be a temporary program and 18 months after it is built, the lot will be developed and all residents of Wood st will be evicted, again.**

This action shows what is truly possible when people come together. By standing in solidarity with one another and collectively pushing back against the different forces that look to destroy the Wood Street Community, we can win. There has been tremendous progress within the past few months because people from inside and outside of the community are coming together, helping one another, and through that we have been able to achieve many things that wouldn't have been possible if people kept only looking out for themselves. By pressuring the City, Fred Craves, and Horowitz's office, **we can get them to drop the case and win the stability that will allow the whole community to find real housing opportunities.**

What is Possible?

"Be nice to your neighbors, dont steal their shit!" - Kelly

The City of Oakland has failed in its most recent attempts to displace the West Oakland Wood st Community. It is unknown when they will return but the city is continuing to evict encampments across Oakland. The City and CHP will return to Wood st. Our ability to work together is what will make this community successful.



Residents and supporters have in the past organized cleanups of the area.

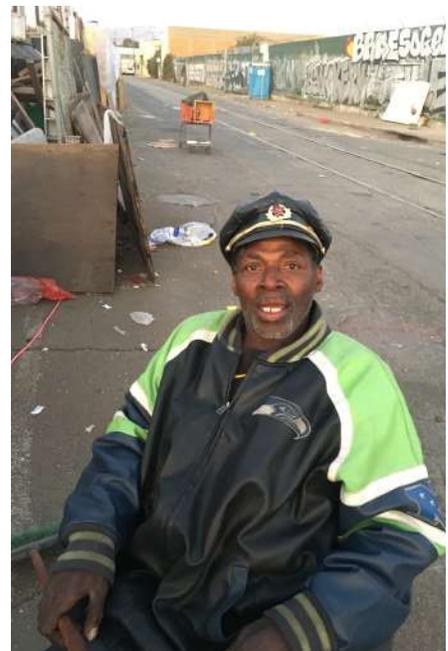
The community dinners are a way for people to come together and build relationships. We all work together to feed each other and make the dinners a success. "The food is good" described KK, a local resident. The small success of these dinners have encouraged the UFAD to struggle to have more community dinners, This month we will have two dinners! None of us are of significant means, so it says something when we can feed so many people! But community programs can be more then food, we have organized community clean ups in recent months and **if we come together, we can make all kinds of programs to help each other!**

The City of Oakland offers the people crumbs.

Operation Dignity may hand out a few cold meals every week and the "Dignity Showers" may provide SOME showers (and very, very limited laundry services) but these are not enough to live a normal life! The City of Oakland REFUSES to provide dumpsters, leaving people to dump their trash on the ground and attract rats.

The best community programs are not run by the city but by community members!

It is up to the people to come together and improve the community because the City of Oakland has forgotten about the poor people of Oakland.



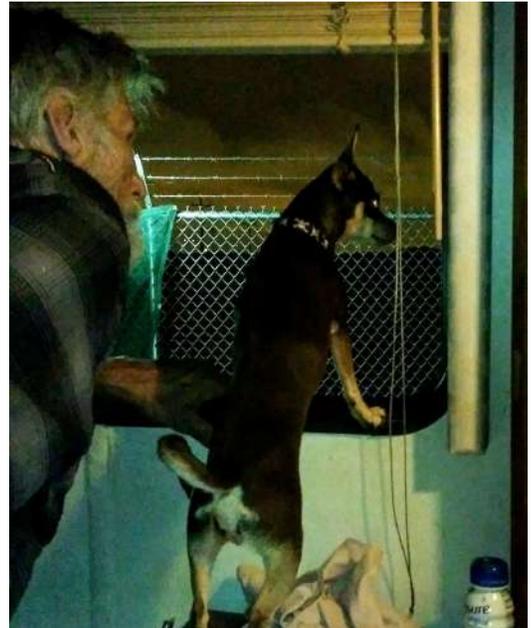
"Wood street can be amazing or it can be terrible, it all depends on what you make of it"

- Jesse

In Memory of Gary

Gary was a loving husband and the life of the party. We had the privilege to meet him when he and his neighbors were fighting a mass tow by the Oakland Police Department. Despite everything, Gary was always upbeat and planning for the future. He was always trying to help people. At the time of his passing he and his wife were only a couple weeks from getting an apartment. Gary is but one of the many to die on the streets in the last few months. We fight because of them and everyone still hanging on. We fight so that everyone has the ability to have a home .

Join us for Gary's Memorial on February 15th @ 2pm



Submissions:

The West Oakland Community Newsletter is a collaborative projects by the United Front Against Displacement and the Wood st Community in an effort to spread news about the neighborhood and the struggle against the pigs and developers.

If you would like to submit something or if there is something we got wrong or something that you would like to see added to the next newsletter.

LET US KNOW!

Find someone on outreach or shoot us an email or call text at (510)815-9978

General Meetings, Outreach, and Community dinners happen weekly.

General Meetings : First Wednesday
of every month

Outreach: 2/3, 2/10, 2/19, 2/24
Please contact us via email for exact
time and location.

Community Dinners: Wednesday,
February 12th @ 7pm
February 26th @ 7pm



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