



EVERYTHING IS WITHIN OUR REACH

**YOU ONLY GET WHAT YOU ARE
ORGANIZE TO TAKE, SO...**

ORGANIZE!!

WE MUST OBTAIN HOUSING

WITH THE MONEY SPENT ON SHELTERS AND SERVICES,
WE CAN HOUSE EVERY UNHOUSED PERSON IN THE CITY.
THE CITY SHOULD CONVERT VACANT AND CITY-OWNED
PROPERTIES INTO PERMANENT HOMES FOR THOSE WHO
ARE UNHOUSED. WE DEMAND THAT THE CITY INVEST
PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDS IN LONG TERM HOUSING.

**HOUSING
NOW NOT
DEATH ON
THE STREETS!**

WE MUST OBTAIN HEALTHCARE

WE NEED PRIMARY CARE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO
THE EMERGENCY ROOM EVERY SINGLE TIME WE NEED
BASIC HEALTHCARE. PREVENTATIVE CARE SAVES LIVES
AND MONEY. ALL UNHOUSED PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE
ACCESS TO REGULAR PREVENTATIVE MEDICAL CARE.

**HEALTHCARE
NOT HARM
REDUCTION!**

WE MUST OBTAIN WATER

THE CITY CONTROLS THE WATER DEPARTMENT.
ESPECIALLY DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WE NEED WATER TO
STAY SANITARY. THE CITY SHOULD GUARANTEE SHOWERS,
BATHROOMS, AND HAND WASHING STATIONS FOR
UNHOUSED PEOPLE.

**WATER
IS LIFE!**

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

THE CITY SEEMS TO TALK TO EVERYONE EXCEPT US
ABOUT WHAT WE NEED. WE DESERVE A SEAT AT
THE TABLE. WE NEED TO BE CONSULTED ABOUT
THE POLICIES THAT WILL IMPACT OUR LIVES.

**HOMELESS
NOT
HELPLESS!**

THE CITY SHOULD LISTEN TO OUR LEADERSHIP

IF YOU AGREE THEN LET'S FORM A UNION

NO MORE DEALING WITH THE US ONE POLICE ENCOUNTER AFTER
ANOTHER. WITH A HOMELESS UNION WE CAN FORCE THE CITY TO
DEAL WITH US COLLECTIVELY. WE CAN ASSERT OUR RIGHTS, AND...

TAKE WHAT WE NEED!



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Even when we recognize the inherent flaws in relying solely upon rights granted by an oppressive government to secure our freedom, housed or not, it is important we all know our rights within the legal framework imposed upon us. Courts have repeatedly recognized that people without housing are protected by the same constitutional rights as everyone else.

Prohibitions on Camping, Sleeping, or Lying in Public

A city's enforcement of ordinances prohibiting camping, sleeping, sitting, or lying in public violates the 8th Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment if a person does not have an alternative. As long as there is no option of sleeping indoors, the government cannot criminalize homeless people for sleeping outdoors, on public property, on the false premise they had a choice in the matter.

Cited case: Martin v Boise

Unauthorized Encampments—Searches

Washington courts ruled that tents and shelters set up on public property and used for habitation are protected from unreasonable searches under the Washington State Constitution. Courts have also found that, for people who are homeless, closed baggage and containers are protected areas.

Cited case: State v Pippin

Unauthorized Encampments—Seizures

Prior to clearing encampments, local governments must provide notice to camp resident (72-hour minimum notice is common). Personal property found during the encampment removal must be held for a certain amount of time so that it can be claimed by the owner.

Cited case: State v Pippin

Use of Vehicles for Habitation

A King County Superior Court judge ruled in 2018 that an individual residing in a vehicle may have homestead rights in the vehicle. The Homestead Act protects a person's residence and essential possessions from judgments and liens

Cited case: The Homestead Act, RCW 6.13.010

Panhandling Regulations

The Washington Supreme Court struck down an ordinance prohibiting begging or panhandling on First Amendment grounds since asking for help or aid is protected speech. Case: City of Lakewood v. Willis
Source article: bit.ly/LimitsOfEnforcement

**ARE YOUR RIGHTS
BEING VIOLATED?**

**NEVER TALK TO
POLICE, THEY ARE
ALLOWED TO LIE TO
YOU AND ARE NOT
LEGALLY OBLIGATED
TO PROTECT YOU.**

GET A LAWYER.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

GHC Volunteer Legal
- 1-844-211-6916
- Tcvls.org

CLEAR Legal Hotline
- 1-888-201-1014
- Seniors (60+)
- 1-888-387-7111
- nwjustice.org/get-legal-help

ACLU of Washington
- 206-624-2180
- intake.aclu-wa.org

The Northwest Immigrants'
Rights Project
- 1-800-445-5771
- nwirp.org/get-help

Self help legal resources
and forms:
- washingtonlawhelp.org
- aclu-wa.org/know-your-rights