## Restore Civil Liberties in Santa Cruz

## We, the undersigned, oppose:

- (a) the recent false arrests of eleven activists, five of them explicitly journalists, for pretended charges of conspiracy, vandalism, and trespass at the 3 ½ years vacant bank structure at 75 River St.;
- (b) the dispersal and destruction of the homeless campground adjacent to Occupy Santa Cruz in San Lorenzo Park on December 8<sup>th</sup> making 100-200 more people shelterless and without sleeping gear;
- (c) the new 7 PM to 7 AM curfew instituted at the Courthouse against all peaceful political protests and especially Occupy Santa Cruz;
- (d) the practice of arresting peaceful activists with Occupy Santa Cruz, on trespass or lodging charges, seizing their property, and then when they appear in court, presenting them with no charges whatsoever;
  - (e) the city lawsuits and legal actions against Occupy Santa Cruz to end their peaceful assembly;
- (f) the failure of the City and County governments to disinvest from war industries and abusive financial institutions;
- (g) the failure of the City and County governments to provide relief in the form of renter protection, increased minimum wage requirements, and restored civil liberties instead of the wage cutbacks we're getting;
- (h) the continued criminalization of the poor and homeless through sleeping, sitting, panhandling, petitioning, and performing bans downtown and elsewhere in the City;
- (I) the prosecution and persecution of activists like the Santa Cruz 11. Gary Johnson, Ed Frey, Linda Lremaster, and other PeaceCamp2010 defendants who expose abusive police and government practices.
  - This petition can be signed by ANYONE who agrees with the above statement.
  - You do NOT have to be a city resident, registered voter, adult, or non-felon to sign.
  - Please include contact information if you wish to help with subsequent action.
  - PLEASE PRINT carefully and clearly. SIGN AS LEGIBLY as possible.

Signature	Print Name	Write Y (yes) or N (no) for each of $a - g$ above.

Petition by HUFF (Homeless United for Friendship & Freedom) 831-423-4833 www.huffsantacruz.org 309 Cedar PMB #14B Santa Cruz 2-15-12