

On October 24, Santa Cruz's Downtown Ordinances will:

- +++ **FORBID PERFORMANCE, TABLING, ART DISPLAY, VENDING, SITTING, AND SPARECHANGING** on 95% of downtown sidewalks & 100% of sidewalks near buildings elsewhere.
- +++ **FORCE ALL SUCH ACTIVITY TO THE CURB** creating conflict with arriving motorists, unhealthy space for street performers, & essentially drive out vibrant street life.
- +++ **LIMIT IT** to constricted 12 square feet (3.5' X 3.5') spaces (3 of the sidewalk squares).
- +++ **LIMIT IT** to 1 hour per day in any of the few limited spots per block.
- +++ **REQUIRE EXTRA 12' SEPARATION SPACES** between all vendors, performers, artists, tablers.
- +++ **REQUIRE DAYS OF LEAD TIME AND SPECIAL PERMITS** for exceptions to these rules.
- +++ **GIVE STAFF & POLICE A VETO** over who uses the public sidewalk & where.
- +++ **SET UP HUGE UNNEEDED "WALK THROUGH ONLY" ZONES** within 14' of buildings, street corners, intersections, kiosks, drinking fountains, public telephones, public benches, public trash containers, directory signs, sculptures or artwork, ATM-style machines, outside street cafes, vending carts, & fences.
- +++ **EMPOWER POLICE AND HOSTILE MERCHANTS** to write \$200-400 citations for traditionally innocent street presence, prescribing up to \$1000 fines & 1 year jail for 2nd "offense".
- +++ **INCREASE VISIBLE POLICE SQUAD PRESENCE** to pressure, cite, and/or arrest violators.
- +++ **SELECTIVELY TARGET MINORITIES, HOMELESS PEOPLE, & POOR FOLKS** who don't "fit in" with the Downtown Association's vision of a proper "safe" Santa Cruz.
- +++ **BAN BOUNCING A BALL**, throwing a Frisbee, or hackysacking downtown.
- +++ **BAN USING ERASIBLE CHALK** whether for art, political messages, or...hopscotch for kids.
- +++ **BAN SPREADING OUT A BLANKET OR TARP** if construed as a "display device".
- +++ **BAN SITTING DOWN ON THE LIP OF A CEMENT BERM** around the trees.
- +++ **BAN SITTING NEXT TO A BUILDING** even if closed or vacant & blocks noone.
- +++ **FALSELY LABEL AS "SAFETY CONCERNS"** traditional friendly Santa Cruz activity aiming to empty the sidewalks of uses and people that don't involve buying in stores or restaurants.
- +++ **CREATE AN UNCOMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT** for poor & homeless folks denying them the right to gather, rest, sit comfortably, & relax, impacting local low-income & elderly downtowners too.
- +++ **GIVE CRANKS A VETO ON STREET MUSIC** by simply complaining.
- +++ **EMPOWER POLICE** to expand enforcement still further with court protection unlikely.
- +++ **FALSELY IMBED THE "PUBLIC SAFETY" MYTHOLOGY** that groups like *Take Back Santa Cruz*, *Santa Cruz Neighbors*, *the SCPD*, *the DTA*, *Needle-Free Zone*, & other right-wing special interest groups are using to frighten the population back into further repressive action.
- +++ **DRIVE AWAY ARTISTS & PERFORMERS** leaving only the militant and the mercenary.

Save Our Santa Cruz Sidewalks from Stupid Laws

- +++ **E-mail City Council** at [citycouncil \[at\] cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com) and demand these ordinances be reviewed for cost, effectiveness, impact, and unintended consequences by citizen committees and with public input
- +++ **Use your video phone** to show authorities harassing the public on the streets downtown. Post on You-Tube and www.indybay.org/santacruz . Send them to HUFF (morse3@hotmail.com).
- +++ **Spread** opposition; Write local papers; Use Facebook & Twitter; **Support good businesses; boycott bad ones.**
- +++ **Post your own video** of downtown encounters. The *Coffee Roasting Company* & *Starbucks* recently banned large backpacks; Customers report *New Leaf*, *Verve*, & *Lulu Carpenters* banning homeless-looking customers.
- +++ **Come to Protest Against Task Force on Privilege & Prejudice:** 6 PM 307 Church St. Bring Signs!
- +++ **Witness and support other street performers** when they face harassment from authorities.
- +++ **Get familiar with the Downtown Ordinances**, often misquoted by police and hosts. Copies available on-line at https://www.indybay.org/uploads/2010/08/29/deadlydowntownordinances_8-27-10.pdf .
- +++ **Come to the Direct Action Sit-Down: 1-3 PM 10-24** All Along Pacific Ave.

Bring blankets, instruments, chairs, jewelry, & friends !