

HOUSING JUSTICE VILLAGE AGREEMENTS

1. Leave your old ways outside this space. You are supposed to be here, you belong here. Thank you for answering a call to assert housing is a human right, homelessness is not a crime, the city needs to do much better, and we need housing everyone can afford. Welcome to a new way of living.
2. This is a clean and sober camp. However, we understand so many of our people are using and we understand how the war on drugs was designed to make sure Black and Brown and Indigenous communities did not organize, prosper and thrive in this country. We do not believe drug use, dependency or addiction is crime. We believe it is a trauma related mental health issue that the war on drugs exploits to destroy our communities. So to keep everyone safe, and let everyone to be part of this movement, and keep focused about why we are here, do not drink or use drugs on site. If you are on, you can be here but you need to maintain yourself. If you show up here and can't handle your drunk or whatever you on we gonna go grab a cup a coffee and come back when your mind is right. There is also information available at the health & wellness area about the war on drugs, addiction, abuse, dependency, harm reduction, and resources to get clean & sober for folks who want it. We strongly urge folks who do not use or struggle with addiction or substance abuse to pick up this information to better inform yourself about this reality.
3. Keep this place clean. Clean up behind yourself. Leave things better than how you found them. Put trash and recycling where it belongs. And if shits a mess and its not your mess, live by example and clean it up anyway. Don't give them a reason to shut us down or talk trash about unsheltered people.
4. Participate. Join a committee. Create a committee. Get Active. We ain't just here to kick it. We here cuz how the mayor and her Encampment Management Team treats curbside communities is inhumane. We here cuz the millions of dollars that have been set aside to help unsheltered folks aint helping us. That money is being wasted to hurt us, make us invisible and make non-profits and city staff rich. In fact where are the millions to help the homeless? Cuz the homeless fo sho aint seeing it. Before 2017, the city of oakland only spend \$250,000 A YEAR on homeless approaches. Over the past two years the city has spent more than \$30,000,000 (yes THIRTY MILLION!!!) in homeless approaches. Yet our numbers have DOUBLED over the past two years. We are here to change things and get the city to do something entirely new when it comes to rapid rehousing and service providing in the midst of a housing and homeless crisis.
5. Your cleanliness impacts everything and everyone around you. Be responsible with your personal hygiene. Wash your hands before you handle food or eat. Cover your mouth when you sneeze. Keep your personal area clean.
6. Absolutely no violence allowed. If shit pops off be ready to be accountable for your actions. All parties involved will have to sit with members of Housing Justice Village to squash all beefs. Cuz we got a common enemy screwing all of us over, and we got bigger fish to fry.
7. Dont never ever call the cops. If you do, you will be asked to leave.
8. Be a good neighbor. Support the local businesses. Spend your money, get to know the owners and workers, if you use their spaces clean up after yourself.