

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!



### **REMEMBER THE CITY CANNOT TAKE OR DESTROY ANYTHING FROM YOU IF YOU ARE AT THE EVICTION, ESPECIALLY THESE PERSONAL BELONGINGS:**

- Vehicles that are lived in. Vehicles with someone inside them cannot be towed.
- Personal documents (ID, social security, birth certificate, etc.) and photos.
- Medicine and medical equipment
- Electronics (phones, radios, generators, lap tops, flatscreens, etc.)
- Tax or Financial Documents
- Jewelry, Eyeglasses,
- Purses, suitcases, backpacks.
- Tents, bikes, tools, stoves

### **CITY POLICY– MAKE THEM FOLLOW IT!**

- The City of Oakland can only evict from city-owned property or public right-of-way (sidewalk, etc.). They must confirm the property is city-owned or otherwise defer to the actual property-owner.
- Operation Dignity will post the eviction notice, in multiple visible locations at the area, to inform the person(s).
- The City cannot prevent residents from retrieving belongings before vacating.
- Prior to and during the cleanup, the OPD will verify that all occupants have left the encampment, or will have the remaining individuals leave.
- City personnel shall not confiscate or remove belongings from site when the occupant is present, absent a reasonable belief that the belongings are an immediate threat to public health and safety or are evidence of a crime or contraband.
- Public Works (PWA) staff shall take photographs of the encampment site prior to the cleanup.
- PWA staff will collect, bag, and label personal belongings left at the site. A "Notice of Collected Property" will be posted where the original "Notice to Vacate" was previously posted, and will contain the PWA Call Center telephone number.
- PWA shall itemize the belongings collected and include the location, date, and time of collection on the itemization form.
- The collected belongings will be stored at a PWA facility for ninety (90) days.

**Questions? Call The Village at 510-355-7010**



## **EVICTION/CLEANUP POSTED AT YOUR CURBSIDE COMMUNITY?**

They are traumatic, depressing and cause setbacks. But that's cuz The City of Oakland doesn't follow its policies - including not throwing specific things away and storing your property for up to 90 days (see other side of flier).

## **HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EVICTION OR CLEAN AND CLEAR IS POSTED WHERE YOU LIVE:**

- Make a list of all your stuff, take pictures of your property (see other side of flier)
- Post the Property Tag on your belongings. Take pictures from across the street and up close with the Property Tags on them.
- Contact The Village if you would like to file a lawsuit to (1) try to delay the eviction, (2) try to stop the eviction, (3) speak up for your rights, (4) need advocates to help you before, during and after the clean up or eviction.
- Be at your spot. The city can't take your property while you are around - except for "hazardous material" or contraband.
- Decide as an encampment what you are going to do. A unified camp is an unbreakable camp.
- If your encampment decides to resist the eviction and stand up for your rights: everyone plays a role...One person deals with who's in charge of public works and human services; one person deals with the police in charge; as many people as possible should be ready to use their phones and record everything. EVERYTHING

### **EVERYONE PLAY YOUR ROLES!**

## **DURING THE EVICTION: TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!**

- From jump, let the city and police know that you know your rights. Ask them to follow their policy (see reverse for some examples).
- Pull out your phones and record everything! Video tape from across the street. Videotape every time you deal with police, city workers or operation dignity. Videotape when they don't follow their policy.
- Document where they tell you to move, what shelter options they offer and for how long, where your property is stored and how you can get it.
- Padlock your tent or structure. Lock your vehicle. stay inside your home. The City policy states they cannot remove your property if you are present. The State law is no vehicle can be towed if there is someone in it.

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