Laws that segregate, make criminals of people based on their status rather than their behavior, or prohibit certain people's right to be in public spaces are not just sad relics from the past: Today, numerous laws infringe on poor people's ability to exist in public space or obtain basic needs such as housing, employment, and equal protection under the law. Our Homeless Bill of Rights Campaign (HBR) stands on the shoulders of social justice campaigns of the past to alleviate poverty and homelessness while protecting homeless and poor people from unjust laws and ensuring all people's right to exist in public spaces.
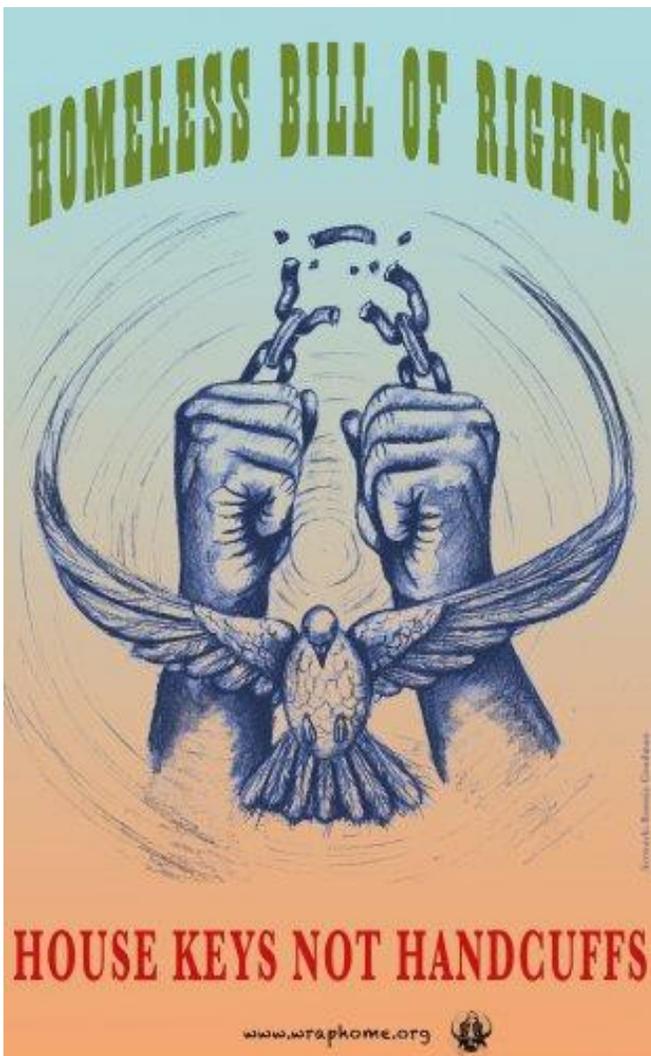
Our Homeless Bill of Rights (HBR) campaign in Oregon and California will create bills that protect the following rights and prohibit the enforcement of any local laws that violate these rights:

1. Right to move freely, rest, sleep & be protected in public spaces without discrimination.
2. Right to occupy a legally parked vehicle.
3. Right to serve food and eat in public.
4. Right to legal counsel if being prosecuted.
5. Right to 24-hour access to "hygiene facilities"
6. Require judges to consider necessity defense when hearing homeless related cases.

Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) unites local social justice organizations and is building a movement that exposes and eliminates the root causes of civil and human rights abuses of people experiencing poverty and homelessness in our communities. The core of our HBR campaign is based on our outreach to homeless and poor people, in which we document their experiences with local police and private security. We have surveyed **1,527** people in **17 cities** throughout **8 states**. The civil rights violations people are experiencing everywhere are eerily similar. The main "illegal offenses" that homeless people are being **harassed & criminalized for include: sleeping 81%, sitting or lying down 76%, and loitering or hanging out 74%.**

For the purposes of these bills, "homeless" is defined as lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, or having a primary nighttime residence in a shelter, on the street, in a vehicle, in an enclosure or structure that is not authorized or fit for human habitation, substandard apartments, dwellings, doubled up temporarily with friends or families, staying in transitional housing programs, staying anywhere without tenancy rights, or staying with one or more children of whom they are the parent or legal guardian in a residential hotel whether or not they have tenancy rights.

Local attempts to deal with homelessness by making homeless people disappear from sight are gross civil and human rights violations, according to the UN Habitat report entitled, "The Right to Adequate Housing." Local governments utilize tried and true lock 'em up strategies by criminalizing homelessness and homeless people ensuring a long-term cycle of poverty and stigmatization.

What can ORGANIZATIONS do to support the campaign?
- Endorse the 6 principles for the Homeless Bill of Rights Campaign
- Ask at least one of your organizational partners to endorse
- Attend regional planning meetings
- Get information out on email/social media systems
- ID impacted residents and share their stories
- Attend delegation visits
- Attend local awareness actions
- Give public comment at public meetings
- Help with call in days
- Plan other actions in your community
- Visit the WRAP Facebook, Twitter & our official website for updates
- Donate to the campaign

What can YOU do to support the campaign?
- Sign petition in support
- Call elected officials when needed
- Join regional planning committee and attend meetings
- Attend actions/education events
- Share your story in writing or video
- Join a local campaign member group
- Visit the WRAP Facebook page and website for updates
- Donate to the campaign
- Other ideas are very welcome
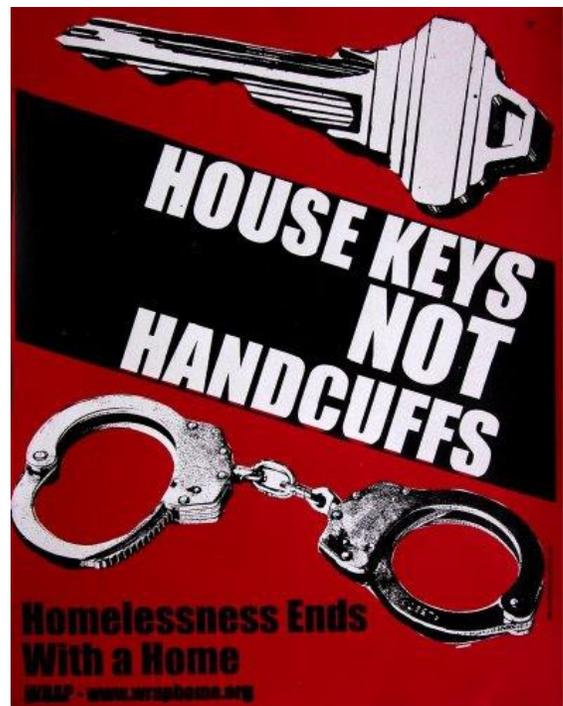
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