

From: Melissa Gragg
Subject: Please help stop the sweeps!
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Dear HSW Committee,

We here at Serenity Outreach Services, are saddened, traumatized and exhausted trying to keep up with the weekly sweeps.

People are suffering now more than ever at the hands of our city sweep crews and police.

We were so disheartened that the motion to advise a stop to sweeps was tabled for a month.

If a committee tasked with being the responsible voice for the homeless, cannot even agree that sweeps are costly, traumatic and against the CDC's guidelines, what exactly are you doing to protect these people?

Why would you feel ok with tabling something so important while the city continues to sweep and terrorize people?

You have got to show the community that the HSW has an actual purpose or stop wasting your own time.

We cannot even properly ascertain how many and which of our houseless neighbors are even able to access the only drop in style shelter in town as the leader of the group will not divulge the information to this committee of his so called colleagues.

Without that pertinent information shelter bed numbers don't even actually matter. If we do not know how many people can actually access said beds that information is useless. Please do your duties as committee members for the HOMELESS.

Respectfully,
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