

Demands and statements From The Bucket (450 Douglas Street)

1. Tenants rights

- a. We demand the To have enough time to vacate, we need more time to figure out where we can go; we want to have an eviction process similar to the eviction of a rental unit.
- b. In previous evictions, we've had as little as a day to move our possessions, only to be evicted again at our new location on short notice. If we feel that an eviction is unjustified, we want a right to challenge it in court.

2. Right of self determination

- a. Some of us at 450 Douglas Street have been here for almost 4 years, this is our home. We are a community who looks out for each other. We cleaned the trails, we built footbridges, and we improved the land. We even attempt to collect our trash, but the city won't dispose of it.
- b. If the community will not or cannot provide homes (not shelters), we demand the right to legally exist somewhere outside without fear of our possessions being destroyed and thrown away by the police and city officials.
- c. Shelters are unacceptable for many of us dealing with PTSD, substance addiction, varying schedules, safety concerns, and for many more reasons. It is not a crime to be outside and we are not criminals because we don't have access to houses.

3. Better Alternatives that the New Horizons shelter.

- a. Reasons why we refuse to seek shelter at New Horizons:
 - i. Shelter employees treat us like we are subhuman, are rude, and judgemental.
 - ii. Conditions at the shelter are disgusting.
 - iii. The women at this camp feel degraded, deeply uncomfortable, and unsafe when seeking shelter.
 - iv. We are limited as to what possessions we can bring with us to the shelter. And what we can bring to the shelter is subject to theft from other residents.
 - v. We can't sleep with our partners. Those of us with partners would rather sleep in a tent than be without our significant others.
 - vi. One individual would have to give up their dog to go into the shelter.

If you wish to discuss things further, please reach out to our contact to Brandon Lemay at 603-391-1178 or brandon@radnh.org who can arrange a meeting with you and residents of this encampment.