

THE OSCAR GRANT PLAZA GAZETTE

Monday, October 31, 2011

Day 22



GENERAL STRIKE !

**WEDNESDAY NOV. 2 !
CALL OUT OF WORK !
WALK OUT OF
SCHOOL !
MEET AT
OSCAR GRANT PLAZA :
9AM ! 12 NOON ! 5 PM !**

ANGELA DAVIS **STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH OCCUPY OAKLAND !**

From a solidarity statement received October 31, 2011 by Angela Y. Davis:

To all of you who are part of Occupy Oakland, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your commitment, for your dedication, and for your creativity.

You are reinventing our political universe.

You have renewed our collective passion.

You have reminded us that it is still possible to build communities of resistance.

You continue to show us your commitment, your dedication, your collective labor, your refusal to assent to class hierarchies, racial hierarchies, gender hierarchies, sexual hierarchies.

Your movement calls on the majority to stand up against the minority.

The old minorities are the new majority and with our collective power

We say no to Wall Street.

We say no to the big banks.

No to corporate executives making millions of dollars a year.

No to student debt.

No to evictions.

No to police violence.

**We say no to global capitalism.
We say no to the prison industrial complex.
No to racism, no to class exploitation, no to homophobia, no to xenophobia.
We say no to transphobia, no to ableism, no to the devastation of the environment.
We say no to military occupation and no to war.
We have come together as the 99%. There are major responsibilities linked to your decision to assemble here in community.
How can we be together?
How can we be together in a unity that respects and celebrates the differences among us?
How can we be together in a unity that is not simplistic and oppressive but rather complex and emancipatory?**

I evoke Audre Lorde:

"Differences must be not merely tolerated, but seen as a fund of necessary polarities between which our creativity can spark like a dialectic."

**In this complex unity we say yes to life.
We say yes to community.
Yes to happiness,
Yes to economic and racial and gender and sexual equality.
We say yes to the imagination,
Yes to creativity,
We say yes to hope and yes to the future.**

I stand in solidarity with you as we build this new future. WE ARE THE 99%. WE DEMAND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. WE STAND UNITED NOV 2. AT THE GENERAL STRIKE. OCCUPY OAKLAND. OCCUPY EVERYWHERE.

..... URGENT NEEDS FOR OCCUPY OAKLAND !

(Thanks for providing gently used items wherever possible!)

*Pallets
Duct tape
12 Tables for committees - rectangular (must be for outdoor use)
15 Chairs for committees (must be for outdoor use)
Blankets, sleeping bags
Cabinets/shelf units/milk crates for kitchen, school/library, arts and crafts, supply, other committee/caucus tents
Rechargeable batteries and chargers
Walkie talkies
Poster making materials - poster board, cardboard, markers, paint, sticks, fabric/sheets
Arts and craft supplies - crayons, pens, paint, markers, glue, scissors, tables, paper, collage, sewing, knitting, crochet materials, string, twine, rope
Kitchen cooking and serving equipment
Storage bins
Tarps*

*Hay bales
Flashlights
Lanterns
Warm clothing
Deep cycle car batteries
Cell phones
Laptops
Lighting for general assembly
Funds for portapotties, utilities/power for cooking and sound for GA (donate to the secure donations boxes in camp or on our website)
More speakers for better sound at general assembly
Services: Wellness/balance (acupuncture, bodywork, etc.), mediation and counseling, hair cuts, bike repair/care
A place to charge batteries, kitchen space
Office space in downtown Oakland
Printing/copying services - bulk
Printing/copying services/access in downtown Oakland*

~~~ We are THRILLED to be receiving 100 tents and tarps from Occupy Wall Street this week!! ~~~

See the First Aid tent's comprehensive wish list here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rn0LC9tJoHDuMKo_HxhK37g-VsA2A2ZyL8EaWKkJ3o8/edit?hl=en_US

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