

Our neighbors have been being dehumanized. Dehumanize : "to deprive (someone or something) of human qualities, personality, or dignity". To be swept like garbage off a street corner that has simply housed people is not only dehumanizing & traumatizing, but it is a perpetual cycle with no end. These camps hold community & alliance that every living being not only deserves, but needs to survive. When "swept" our neighbors get all their belongings stolen. They are not granted rights to their own property. Instead they are harassed and their rights are completely bypassed. What do you expect to happen? What is a solution to you beyond repression & out of sight out of mind delusion?? Our neighbors deserve to rest and not fear being violently displaced day after day for simply sitting down and resting their bodies and minds. Our neighbors deserve to be nourished and thrive just like you or I. Our neighbors, to remind you, are human beings. They are not disposable. They are not machines. Many of their bodies are worn and tired after perpetual dehumanization from your very false solutions of "sweeping" street corners to appease to an image you uphold. This act "Right To Rest" will grant permission to our neighbors to utilize public spaces in a way that they were created for. We must end the criminalization of homelessness to begin to stop the cycle of dehumanization. Rest is inherent and imperative to all living beings and every single person must rest in order to exist in this world. Please consider rehumanizing.