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Alameda County Rallies to Support Prisoners United

Incarcerated Organizers in Santa Clara, Glenn Dyer and Santa Rita hunger strike for their humanity

Oakland, CA-- On Tuesday morning, October 16, 2017 at 10:00 am, Communities United For Restorative Youth Justice with the support of A.L. Costa Development Center and Silicon Valley De-Bug is holding a press conference in solidarity with Prisoners United who began a hunger strike on Sunday, October 15th.

Community supporters and local media will gather in front of the Board of Supervisors building in downtown Oakland, 1225 Oak street to ensure the demands of the strike are met.

Imprisoned people in Santa Clara County Main Jail, Elmwood D.O.C., Glenn Dyer Detention Center, and Santa Rita Jail are being inflicted with cruel and unusual punishment. They are subjected to inhumane living conditions and are being deprived of their human rights and constitutional right to due process.

The first of the hunger strikes began on October 15th in Alameda County, while Prisoners United in Santa Clara County Main Jail, Elmwood D.O.C. and Santa Rita Jail will continue the strike solidarity on October 22nd.

These strikes will be apart of the first wave of efforts to get the outside community and decision makers to end the abusive practices and inhumane conditions they are forced to live in. Indefinite solitary confinement, meaningless classification reviews, sleep deprivation, lack of medical attention, group punishments and unnecessary use of force are some of the main issues that threaten the mental, emotional and physical health of those incarcerated in these facilities.

Community members who are concerned about conditions within Alameda County Jails are urged to call the Alameda County Sheriff Administration Office at (510) 272-6878 and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors Clerk at (510) 272-6347 to show solidarity with Prisoners United to achieve their demands below listed by priority:

1. End Indefinite Solitary Confinement/Administrative Segregation.
2. End Subjective Grievance Practices.
3. End Abuse of Discretion to Lockdown Unstructured Programming (Time Out of Cell).
4. End Insufficient and Unsanitary Clothing.
5. End Insufficient Food and Starvation for Indigent Prisoners.

Callers are encouraged to support Prisoners United by stating the demands listed above and urging county officials to use their power to restore human rights to vulnerable populations in their facilities. Updates on the hunger strike can be found at @svdebug and @CURYJ on Twitter and Facebook.

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Prisoners United is a collective of incarcerated organizers, mobilizing community to end inhumane practices within prisons.

Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice is an Oakland-based organization interrupting cycles of violence for systems impacted young people of color.

Silicon Valley De-Bug is a story-telling, community organizing, and advocacy organization based in San José, California.