

# Homeless Against Homelessness in America

- Giving a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out
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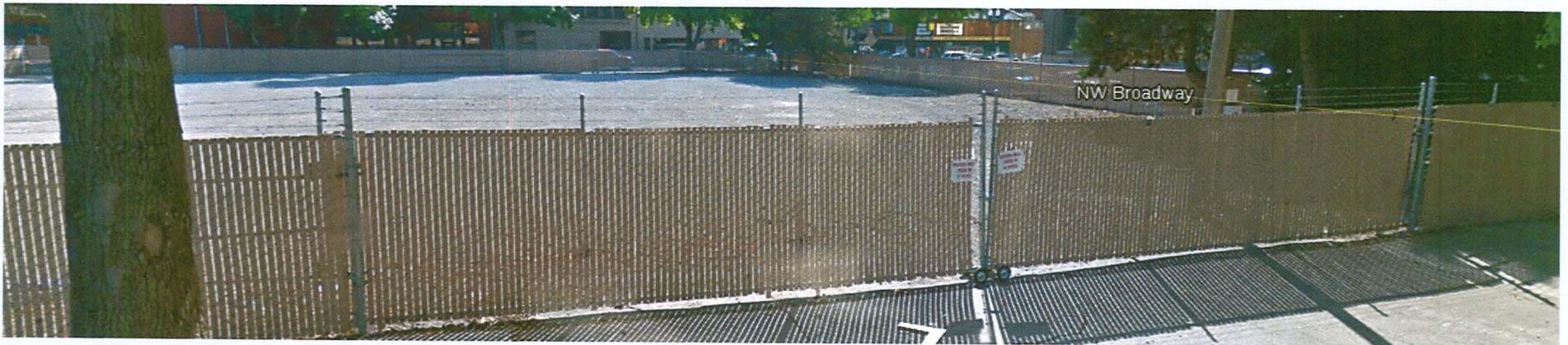
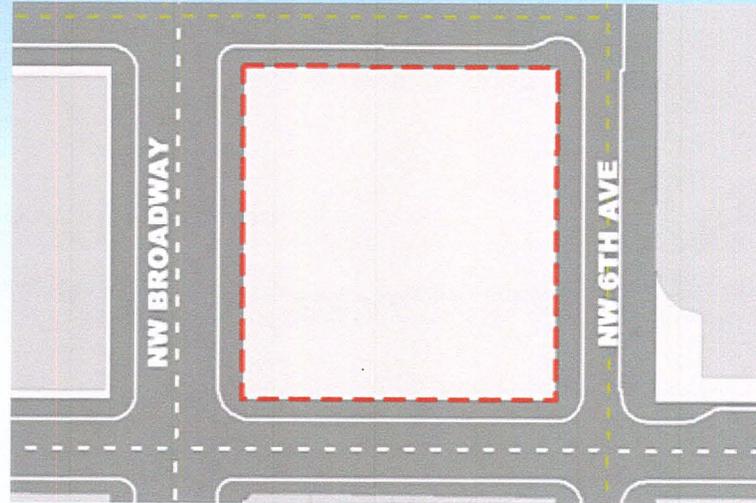
# Introduction

- We are composed of houseless, formally houseless and veterans focused on locating a safe place to rest for the unhoused community. We and our Local Leaders have a mutual desire to come together and discover new ways of helping our fellow citizens in Portland, Oregon. By creating a Dignity Village/R2DToo style location, we believe this can be done at little to no cost to the city or county, and help end houselessness. Right now in Portland, there are up to 1750 people that have no place to sleep, especially couples and folks who have animals and children. They have no right to a safe and secure place to rest their head, or store their belongings. There is no place for people who live in their vehicles, who need a safe place to park.
- Seattle and Eugene, have allowed faith based organizations to have both tent cities and carcamping on their properties. Why is Portland so far behind when we are usually the one at the forefront of the issues?

# Benefits

- We will help anyone who is willing to collaboratively work with our Local Leaders, as long as it's done in a transparent and dignified way. This space can be a working model in a centralized location for people to access services to help them in the right direction. We are here to give people a hand up, not a hand out; to help people live in a safe and dignified manner, no matter what their living situation is.
- By having a place where people can locate and access social services and get the help that they need. By doing this, it will get people working on life plans that will allow them to live the rest of their lives in a safe and dignified manner. By providing computers and other resources to search and reach out to employers and agencies, we all benefit.
- By joining all the services in an easily accessible site, it will make downtown business alliances happy by having a site that is clean and safe.
- By freeing up the sidewalks for their intended use. We can cut costs for the Portland Business Alliance and Government agencies and free up resources for other much needed services.

# Location





# Thank You

## •Sponsors

- Wade Varner (*Founder/President*)(HAHA)
  - (702) 204-5676
- Jason Kersten (*Executive/Treasurer*)(HAHA)
  - (503) 901-1780
- Karl Schave (*Secretary*)(HAHA)
  - (503) 358-5830

## •Supporters

- Brad Gibson (Researcher, Advocate and IT)
  - gibsonbc@gmail.com
- Art Rios Sr. (Researcher, Advocate and Organizer)
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PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION REQUEST  
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

Council Meeting Date: 2-27-13

Today's Date 1-30-13

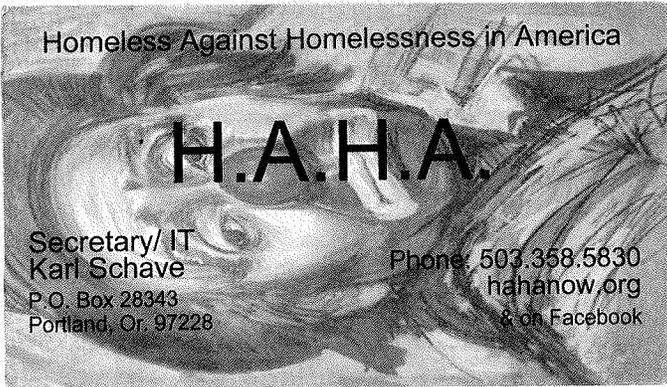
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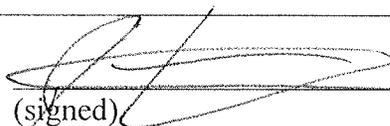
Name Jason Kersten

Address 333 NW 4th Ave #1011

Telephone 503-901-178 Email jasonkersten1@gmail.com

Reason for the request: Homeless Proposal



  
(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

*Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.*

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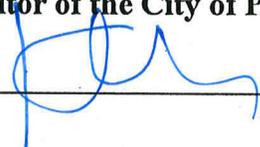
Request of Jason Kersten<sup>to</sup> address Council regarding homeless proposal  
(Communication)

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**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		