



IN HONOR OF BARBARA BRUST AND CONSIDER THE HOMELESS!

- WHEREAS,** Consider The Homeless! was started in November 2014 by Barbara Brust and Ingrid Powell as a way to provide hot soup, support and supplies to unhoused residents and as a way to build trust. Volunteers have continued to deliver hot soup each Sunday and Thursday to people in their tents, under their tarps, and in their RVs regardless of rain, smoke or pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** for years Barbara Brust has been the bottom liner and anchor for the group and has worked with hundreds of volunteers over the years. With gratitude and deep respect, we recognize Ingrid Powell, Sonia Jacques, Paul Kealoha Blake, Peyton Provenzano, Marcia Bohan, Nilang Gor, Ian Buddy, Osha Neuman, Andrea Henson, Augustine Peng, the Berkeley Outreach Coalition, the Berkeley Free Clinic and countless others who have stepped in to assist others in a time of need; and
- WHEREAS,** Consider the Homeless! teaches its volunteers and models for the community the practice of kindness, radical inclusivity, community engagement, empathy and the valuing of all people regardless of their status. By example, they remind us that any of us can directly reach out to those who are suffering through the worst impacts of economic dislocation and gentrification; and
- WHEREAS,** Consider the Homeless! has worked to bring greater awareness of the urgency that winter brings to our unhoused brothers and sisters and powerfully advocates at City Council meetings for greater material support to homeless encampments through marches, memorials, rallies, educational events, direct support and other assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** Barbara Brust, through Consider the Homeless!, has always amplified the voices of people experiencing homelessness fearlessly and without hesitation. She has never been afraid to get down in the trenches with those for whom she advocates, even when she did so at great cost to her own health. She set an example by creating a truly grassroots organization and inspires our community to help in a direct, compassionate and empathetic way. Barbara has also activated our search for equity and justice and keeps the voice of homeless/unhoused people in the forefront of our deliberations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby declare December 1, 2020 as

BARBARA BRUST DAY

in the City of Berkeley.

Jesse Arreguin

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Mayor



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