

MEDIA ALERT

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Homeless Voices for Justice hosts 11th Annual Longest Day of Homelessness Sit-out

PORTLAND, ME (June 18, 2018) — On Thursday, June 21 from 8am-4:30pm, Homeless Voices for Justice (HVJ) will sit out in front of City Hall for its 11th Annual Longest Day of Homelessness Sit-out.

From 12-1pm HVJ members and advocates will speak to their experiences with homelessness and how those experiences connect to the indignities and structural causes of homelessness.

HVJ will be joined by other organizations and community members, sitting out in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness on June 21—the longest day of the year. During the summer months, homelessness increases. Lack of access to adequate shelter puts individuals who are homeless at risk of potentially deadly heat and exposure.

HVJ will also promote its Homeless Bill of Rights Campaign, an initiative seeking to clarify the basic civil rights to which people who are experiencing homelessness are entitled.

Community members are invited to join Homeless Voices for Justice on the longest day of the year to sit in solidarity and share conversation with people experiencing homelessness. All are welcome.

Homeless Voices for Justice (HVJ) is a grassroots organization that works for social change, with and on behalf of people who struggle with homelessness and poverty. HVJ is self-led by organizers who have all experienced homelessness and is supported by a full-time organizer. The founding group in Portland has existed since 1995, and networks in other locations including York County, Augusta, Brunswick, and Lewiston—HVJ's goal is to build a coalition for, and of, homeless people throughout Maine. Through protest, education, and positive policy change and reform, HVJ seeks to empower poor and homeless people whose perspectives are often excluded from the development of policies and programs that impact their social and economic well-being.

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