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OMNI RESOLUTION AFFIRMS THE GOALS AND PRACTICES OF OCCUPY See OMNI's newsletter "What's Happening"

Council of Elders Statement of Solidarity with Occupy Wall Street

Sunday, November 20, 2011

The Council of Elders, a newly organized, independent group of leaders from many of the defining American social justice movements of the 20th century, declared today that we stand in basic solidarity with the national Occupy Wall Street movement and the committed young people who give guidance to this important quest for justice in the 21st century. We wish to explore every possible, helpful way in which we can connect together the continuing flame of the justice and democratizing movements of the 20th century with the powerful light of the emerging movements of the present time, reflected in the Occupy Wall Street initiatives.

As veterans of the Civil Rights, Women's, Peace, Environmental, LGBTQ, Immigrant Justice, labor rights and other movements of the last 60 years we are convinced that Occupy Wall Street is a continuation, a deepening and expansion of the determination of the diverse peoples of our nation to transform our country into a more democratic, just and compassionate society—a more perfect union.

We believe that the rapidly expanding and racialized impoverishment of our population, the rise of mass incarceration, the celebration of the culture of war and violence all create the bitter divisions among the peoples of our nation and throughout the world. Indeed, we believe such developments among us ultimately diminish the quality of life for all humanity, beginning with our own children who watch as we lower the priority for their care and education.

We applaud the miraculous extent to which the Occupy initiative has been non-violent and democratic, especially in light of the weight of violence under which the great majority of people are forced to live, including joblessness, foreclosures, unemployment, poverty, inadequate health care, etc. Among the Council of Elders, we place the highest value on the role of compassion and non-violent action in our personal and organizational lives. From that hard-won grounding in the humanizing movements of the 20th century we seek to support and join with Occupy Wall Street in contributing to the dreams and visions of many in this nation for a beloved community, a multi-generational, multi-racial, compassionate, democratic society with equality, liberty and justice for all—always searching for partners in the creation of a more peaceful, sustainable world, a world with living, loving and growing space for all of our children.

Members of the Council of Elders Organizing Committee include: Rev. James Lawson, Jr., Los Angeles, CA; Dr. Vincent G. Harding, Denver, CO; Rev. Phillip Lawson, San Francisco, CA; Dolores Huerta, Bakersfield, CA; Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, Washington, DC; Dr. Grace Lee Boggs, Detroit, MI; Dr. Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, Gainesville, FL; Marian Wright Edelman, Washington, DC; Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Philadelphia, PA; Rev. Dr. George

(Tink) Tinker, Denver, CO; Rev. John Fife, Tucson, AZ; Dr. Mel White, Lynchburg, VA; Rev. Nelson Johnson, Greensboro, NC; Joyce Hobson Johnson, Greensboro, NC; Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B, Erie, PA.

MORE <http://www.paramuspost.com/article.php/20111120081051568>

SUPPORT FROM YES! MAGAZINE

HIGH PRAISE FOR OCCUPY BY FOUNDER OF YES!

David Korten in *Yes! Magazine* (Winter 2011). Only one page, carry it around in your billfold or purse. Korten is author of *Agenda for a New Economy, The Great Turning from Empire to Earth Community, and When Corporations Rule the World*.

NEW BOOK BY STAFF OF YES!

This Changes Everything: Occupy Wall Street and the 99% Movement. Ed. Sarah Van Gelder and staff of *Yes! Magazine*. 2011.

Occupy Everywhere: Michael Moore, Naomi Klein on Next Steps for the Movement Against Corporate Power

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/11/25/occupy_everywhere_michael_moore_naomi_klein (from Doug Barton)

Who's wrecking America? Meet your 1% nominees

Robert Greenwald info@bravenew01.org via uark.edu to James

Vote on the worst of the 1% And we'll expose them.

<http://whoarethe1percent.com/>

Dear James,

We've created a list of the 30 people doing the most to destroy our economy and democracy — a list created from the 5000 suggestions that our audience left over the last two weeks at WhoAreThe1Percent.com. This is a doozy of a list, filled with the likes of Rupert Murdoch, Rob Walton, and Jamie Dimon (of JPMorgan Chase fame). We're going to make videos exposing the worst of the bunch. Which ones? That's up to you.

Vote for the worst of the 1% to expose the small subset of elites who are exploiting the 99%. <http://whoarethe1percent.com/>

There is no shortage of bad men on our list (and yes, they are all men). We've got Hugh Grant, for instance — not the actor, but the CEO of Monsanto, a company that produces "Frankenfood" and conquers family farms nationwide. We've got Erik Prince, the founder of the mercenary company Blackwater. And of course, we'd never leave off our friends the Koch Brothers.

Cast your vote to help America understand exactly how our democracy is being taken from us — and who's doing the taking.

Yours, Robert Greenwald and the Brave New Foundation team

MILITARIZED POLICE vs. FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY

Norm Stamper was Chief of Police of Seattle Washington during the “riots” during the WTO “Battle of Seattle”. Afterward he wrote *Breaking Rank: A Top Cop’s Expose of the Dark Side of American Policing*. Nation Books. See his “Occupy the Police,” *The Nation* (Nov. 28, 2011) condemning the militarizing of US police, and ending with this vision: “Picture thousands of people gathered to press grievances against their government and the corporations, under the watchful, sympathetic protection of their partners in blue.” Stamper recommends Radley Balko’s “excellent 2006 report *Overkill: The Rise of Paramilitary Police Raids in America*.” Dick

Here is an article by **Naomi Wolf on the brutality of the police against the occupations.** Carl

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2011/nov/25/shocking-truth-about-crackdown-occupy>

WHY THE UNEMPLOYED NOT THROINGING INTO OCCUPY

At the first Occupy Rally Oct. 15, 2011 at Fayetteville’s Square, I asked two dozen individuals in my area of the audience their occupation and age. Only one person said he was unemployed (ages 2 to 80). I wondered whether this was indicative nationally. In the Nov. 28, 2011 no. of *The Nation*, Louis Uchitelle investigates the question in “The Vicious Cycle of Joblessness.” He ascribes lacked of participation by the jobless to their being so busy making ends meet.

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