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Community Bill of Rights Campaign Plan

I am delighted that OE is finally considering setting some goals and organizing a 6 month campaign plan. First we need to set goals, then strategies, then tactics.

When considering Goals we should first consider the goals set by OWS in their consensed on vision statement: LIBERTY, PEOPLE POWER, PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT, FAIRNESS, EQUALITY, JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, and PEACE. <http://www.occupyqueens.net/2012/02/29/ows-vision-statement/>

There has been considerable resistance to setting goals because there are too many injustices in the nation to focus on just one or two.

I think the solution is to focus on basic human rights. A **Community Bill of Rights** would include all of the goals in the OWS vision statement. It is proving to be the most successful strategy at overcoming corporate injustice. The Community Bill of Rights has been on OE forums in several places for a few months now. <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=33&t=700&p=2117&hilit=cit+y+of+eugene+bill+of+rights#p2117>

Another good reason to choose this as our main campaign is that we have been awarded a Morse Center Grant to fund training by CELDF to implement and bring about the Community Bill of Rights.

There have been a couple of attempts at polling the members of OE to find out what their priorities are. On October 14th 2011 a poll was taken at the GA and the following results were tabulated: **Tax the One Percent-** 80%, **Get money out of politics-** 78%, **End Corporate Personhood** (Citizen's United)- 75%, **Re-regulate & Investigate Wall Street crimes-** 63%, **Repeal the Patriot Act, restore Civil Liberties-** 61%, **Fund Health Care, Education, Social Services-** 60%, **Create Jobs** (Agriculture, Infrastructure, etc)- 56%, **Student Debt Forgiveness-** 53%, **End the wars-** 50%, **Fix the monetary system** (Federal Reserve)- 50%. The rest of the responses were below 50%.

At a later date questionnaires were passed out at a GA and these are the top 6 goals prioritized: 1. **Eliminate Corporate Personhood**, 2. **Tax reform**, 3. **Help the homeless**, 4. **Single Payer Universal Health Care**, 5. **Protect the environment**, 6. **Eliminate the Patriot act and The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**

A poll was also taken on Facebook and the top six prioritized goals are: 1. **End Corporate Personhood**, 2. **Meaningful Campaign Finance Reform**, 3. **Restore Glass Steagal**, 4. **Repeal the Patriot Act**, 5. **Prosecute Wall Street Criminals**, 6. **Single Payer Health Care**

The Community Bill of Rights would incorporate many of the goals that the majority want. It would Ban Corporate Personhood, It would call for affordable preventative health care, It would call for affordable and safe housing, It would provide for the rights of nature, and the right to safe water and food, and it would protect many other rights. It would form the basis and justification for almost all other issues and campaigns.

The name of the campaign: **A Community Bill of Rights for Eugene**

The short term Goal would be to get the City Council to adopt the community Bill of Rights. The long term goal would be to use rights based actions to protect the health of the citizens of Eugene by preventing things like the foreclosures, coal trains, fracking, pesticides in our water, etc.

OE has the economic and personal resources and could also enlist a broad spectrum of allies to help with this goal.

This goal would act as a root issue that could address almost all of the other concerns of the community.

We already have scheduled training to help direct how the campaign can grow and bring in people.

This campaign would benefit all of the people in the City of Eugene, and could be spread to the county, then the State, then the Nation.

There are a considerable number of allies, the Community Circle includes many different groups such as CALC, WAND, Health Care for All Oregon, ESSN, etc. who would help.