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A fence in St'cas (so-called Olympia) with memorial graffiti for fallen anarchist fighter Mauricio Morales

Welcome to the 4th issue of the autonomous print project of Puget Sound Anarchists. Autonomous because this isn't affiliated with or put out by the people who run PSA but has autonomously been taken up by different crews, projects and individuals making each different issue. You, dear reader, could be the one to put out of the next issue, if you so desire!

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Since I have the editorial for this issue I want to pose a question to you, dear reader.

What are you willing to risk for freedom?

We all know, more than ever, how much worse everything is getting. Globally, austerity and the inherent failure of the left wing of capital has given way for a new global tide of reaction as the right wing takes the reigns of power, drowning revolutionary upsurges in blood as we saw in Syria, in Sudan, in Iran, in Myanmar. New forms of industrialized slaughter and older forms of ethnic cleansing take the state with the ongoing genocide in Palestine and Sudan.

The safe global temperature rise we needed to hit to avert catastrophe has come and gone as new extreme weather events build higher death counts and global topsoil continues to deplete from industrial agriculture.

New technologies of surveillance and repression are deployed globally as even the most passive of resistance gets hit increasingly higher charges from the state or injury and death from para-state vigilantes.

If we are lovers of freedom, the freedom of ourselves and the freedom of others that we recognize is the precondition for the freedom of ourselves, then we need to look

deeply within ourselves and the actions we take, the actions we don't take, and think hard about the question.

What am I willing to risk for freedom?



MICROSOFT EXECUTIVE BUILDING HIT - REDMOND, WA

Answering the national call to “shut down tech” on October 24th, autonomous groups of community members targeted Microsoft headquarters outside of Seattle, breaking glass jars full of “blood” (red paint) on its Executive Briefing Center building, pouring “blood” on the big Microsoft sign, and leaving behind the message “Azure: Drop Israel Not Bombs” painted in dozens of places. This action brought attention to connections companies in Seattle have with the Israeli occupation forces (IOF), that many are unaware of.

A recent article in +972 Magazine exposed how Microsoft’s cloud computing software, Azure, has been crucial to the criminal military operations conducted in Palestine and Lebanon. The article, quoted an IOF colonel who said that the cloud services provided by Microsoft and other major tech companies have led to “very significant operational effectiveness” in the Gaza Strip. This officer further described the cloud computing capabilities as a “weapons platform” that included applications to mark targets for

Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (UAV) drone strikes. In particular, +972 highlighted Microsoft’s Azure as the military’s main cloud provider.

Microsoft has shown time and time again that it values profit over people, whether that be the tens or hundreds of thousands of people it helps slaughtering, or its own employees it censors and fires for speaking out against the company’s unethical actions.

The main target was the Executive Briefing Center in which all of Microsoft’s executives meet, discuss, and come to powerful decisions, like those relating to war crimes and human rights violations. Every member who works in the Executive “Bombing” Center is aware of and complicit in the actions that the company is taking.

Where there is oppression, there will be resistance. And the movement will continue to expose and escalate against local entities—like Microsoft, Amazon, and Google—that are aiding the Israeli occupation and genocide.

ATTACK ON GERMAN CONSULATE IN SEATTLE

In accordance with the international youth call to besiege the embassies and consulates of states complicit in the genocide being carried out by US-backed Israel, an attack was carried out against the German consulate in Seattle.

The German regime has once again chosen the side of genocide. Its administration has repeatedly denied the genocide in Gaza and enacted some of the harshest repression against the movement

for a free Palestine.

In the late hours of Tuesday, October 22nd (The day of action against police) a small crew descended on the building. Messages were tagged, red paint covered the walls and windows were smashed.

This act is dedicated to the people of Jabalia, Beit Lahia, and all those in northern Gaza who are bravely resisting their attempted extermination.

TALKING TO COPS IS NEVER SAFE

CONTACTED BY THE POLICE? Stop! Don't talk alone! Even "nice" cops are ALWAYS gathering information to land on a charge, including on people you care about. You are not required to speak with any law enforcement officer or agent.

COPS ARE ALLOWED TO LIE It is legal for cops to lie about what the subject of their investigation is. Agencies at all levels frequently share information with each other and there are very few "rules" as to how cops can ask for that information.

CALL A LAWYER INSTEAD You have a right to consult an attorney before talking to law enforcement or deciding whether or not to talk to them. You have a right to have an attorney present while being questioned by law enforcement even if you volunteer to do an interview.

NEED HELP? Your local National Lawyers Guild Chapter can provide assistance in finding political attorneys in your area. Reach out ahead of any attempts at repression and make a safety plan with trusted ones. Learn about histories of grand juries and political movements.

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Content adapted from It's Going Down article "Police Investigations Arising from Charlottesville Fascist Rally" <https://www.itsgoingdown.org/en/2017/06/20/police-investigations-arising-from-charlottesville-fascist-rally/>

COMMUNITY PSA REGARDING RECENT CONTACT WITH THE FBI IN KING COUNTY/ SEATTLE

In mid-October 2024, a comrade was contacted by FBI agents representing themselves as investigating a right wing agitator in regards to a public-record interaction the comrade was involved in. The agents identified themselves as members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force. While there is no known direct evidence that these agents are investigating the Seattle leftist movement, previous contacts publicized by

Puget Sound Prisoner Support have suggested that federal agents have made contact in other capacities in recent months (see link at bottom for further info). We are therefore taking this opportunity to make sure we are refocusing on operational and personal security (opsec and persec) and steps to take if an agent knocks on your door.

1) Cops, including feds, can and will lie to you about anything, including what they're investigating, whether you're a subject, suspect or witness in an investigation, whether you need a lawyer present, etc. The safest thing to do is not talk to them and to seek legal representation if they insist. This is true even if they're asking about oppositional figures, public events and information, and other innocuous things. Even the simplest question can establish whether you were in a specific place at a specific time, are aware of a particular person or event, etc. If an agent knocks on your door, ask for a business card and end the questioning there. You can and should set the parameters by which you might speak with them, AFTER securing legal representation. The National Lawyers Guild maintains a federal defense hotline to contact if you are approached by a federal agency: massdef@nlg.org or (212) - 279 - 2811.

2) The US government has incredibly powerful digital and physical surveillance capabilities, and their exact limits are unknown. Using signal is better than alternatives, but signal is only as encrypted and secure as

the user makes it. Whenever possible, going offline (and away from tech) for important meetings is better. There are many things that can and should be done to minimize risk with signal including: disable 'find me by phone number' in signal, disable face/finger ID, change your signal notification settings to only show chat names and not message content in notifications, set a passcode for signal and set it to be required every time you open it. Make sure your phone is encrypted and habitually locked!

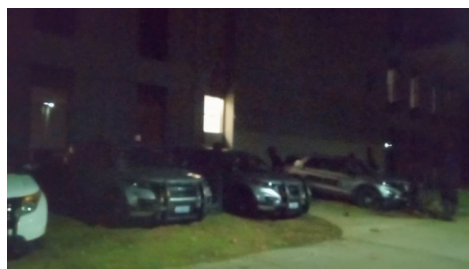
3) We cannot assume that these measures are sufficient, especially in larger group chats where there are members you don't personally know and trust. Be careful about what you say. If you aren't willing to hear it read back to you in court, think long and hard before you say it on signal (or in person, without taking careful measures first).

4) Protesting is not necessarily illegal. You have a right to freedom of expression and assembly. This does not mean that the government will not try to characterize your actions as criminal! Just because you "haven't done anything wrong" or "don't have anything to hide" doesn't mean you can't be a target, or that your comrades will not be targeted. Our personal and operational security is what keeps all of us safe for each other, not just for ourselves. For the sake of our whole community, especially its most vulnerable and marginalized members, please do not talk to cops, be careful about opsec, and inform your community right away if you get contacted by law

enforcement.

Puget Sound Prisoner Support's recent piece about a FBI contact with a community member: <https://pugetsoundanarchists.org/statement-from-psps-on-recent-fbi-snooping-in-pnw/>

Thank you for reading. Free Palestine.



9/25 ATTACK ON EVERGREEN POLICE SERVICES

There is a video attached to this post - visit PugetSoundAnarchists.Org to watch it.

It came from the forest - a darkness slowly descended upon the evergreen state college. Creeping up to the edge of the light, creatures clad in black burst forth upon the four parked police vehicles. Hammers and knives unleashed and with the passing of the shadow the sounds of smashing glass and pressurized air hissing out of tires filled the night, and just as quickly as it descended the shadow receded back into the woods.

This was not an act of retaliation but an act of war - a war against the police, against evergreen and all the institutions of passivity, a war against all domination that we did not start but we were born into and gladly take up anew on the side of TOTAL FREEDOM.

Here's the secret self professed "revolutionaries", professional activists and professors of "direct action" don't want you to know - it's easy and fun to attack! We're not particularly special people nor some elite group. We are simply individuals who have had enough - enough of the stifled action of self appointed leaders and formal organization channeling revolutionary energy toward dead ends and empty promises. They will tell you the impossibility of action, we will tell you that all this took was common household items - hammers and pocket knives - a little bit of planning and a few phoneless walks with friends.

The police try to present an all powerful, untouchable image but without this image they are vulnerable. That's why this attack has been kept off the news, because they are afraid that if people see that it's possible, that they are not all powerful, that the attacks will spread.

Will you heed the call? To attack is daunting and we too were afraid but we acted despite our fear. We prepared for the worst yet no alarms went off, no one chased us and we easily escaped to safety. This will not always be the case and cannot be counted on, but if you let your fear stop you from doing what needs to be done you only empower your enemies and disempower other potential rebels. Remember, to the daring belongs the future!

We leave you with these tools to pursue action on your own terms, by yourself or in a group you can act. If you're looking for targets, walk outside your home and you'll

see a million ways to fight the empire.

What Is Security Culture?

<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/crimethinc-what-is-security-culture>

Confidence, Courage, Connection, Trust

<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/anonymous-confidence-courage-connection-trust>

Recipe for Nocturnal Direct Action

<https://mtlcounterinfo.org/a-recipe-for-nocturnal-direct-actions/>

Building Action Capacity

<https://www.noTRACE.how/resources/download/developing-action-capacity-a-path/developing-action-capacity-a-path.txt>

Affinity, Informal Organization and Insurrectional Projects

<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/anonymous-archipelago>

No Trace Project - A collection of tools to help anarchists and other rebels understand the capabilities of their enemies, undermine surveillance efforts, and ultimately act without getting caught.

<https://noTRACE.how>

Unravel - North American Counter Info

<https://unravel.noblogs.org>

Act For Freedom Now! - International Counter Info

<https://actforfree.noblogs.org>

STATEMENT FROM PSPS ON RECENT FBI SNOOPING IN PNW

Puget Sound Prisoner Support is a Seattle-based anarchist anti-repression collective which has been active in the Pacific Northwest since 2015. Our primary aim is to help radicals in the Seattle area resist repression from the police and courts while providing support for activists subjected to incarceration. We offer jail support trainings for affinity groups and protest organizers, help people find lawyers, offer guidance while navigating the legal system, and organize a monthly prisoner letter writing night in Seattle which has been running for almost 10 years. Additionally, PSPS also issues community warnings when State agents are seeking information about ongoing organizing in the Pacific Northwest.

In late August, we were contacted via email (psps@riseup.net) by an individual stating that the Puget Sound Joint Terrorism Task Force (an arm of the FBI) had attempted to contact them and another activist by leaving business cards at their residence, as well as the residences of both of their parents - one of which in another state. After meeting with this person, we learned several things that are of importance for the Pacific Northwest radical community.

In our conversation with this person, we learned that the other individual secured a lawyer and agreed to a meeting with an FBI agent. We were told that at this meeting the FBI agent asked about

protests against Cop City Lacey as well as Palestine solidarity protests. The FBI agent also asked about different Telegram channels and Signal groups.

While it can be tempting to speculate on intentions and investigations, it is more important that we stick to information that we know. What we know is that the FBI is investigating protests against Cop City Lacey, as well as protests and political action in solidarity with Palestine and Atlanta. We also know that one individual sat down with their lawyer and the FBI.

As a community-facing anti-repression organization, we applaud the original individual's choice to alert us to FBI attempts to intimidate and squeeze information out of each other. State structures attempting to repress our movements succeed when we stay silent in the face of it. Unity and solidarity are our greatest strengths at successfully resisting their attempts to coerce and control our movements. This often looks like a wall of silence when FBI agents knock on doors seeking information, and refusing to meet with them. While it may feel intimidating, it is crucial to you and your comrades' safety that you not answer questions from Federal Agents or any other cops. It is perfectly legal to just shut the door when they come knocking. There is nothing to be gained and everything to lose by sharing information with agents.

Resistance to repression also looks like alerting the community at large so that our friends and comrades are not surprised when

an FBI agent inevitably comes knocking. If you are contacted by the FBI or any other state or federal agency we ask that you make that communication public. The actions of the state do not need to remain secret and we are all safer if they are communicated broadly.

Lastly, we want to make sure to state that you never have to meet with an FBI agent. We urge all radicals to refuse to speak with any FBI agent or law enforcement investigator, even in the company of your lawyer. If your lawyer is urging you to speak with an FBI agent and cooperate with their investigation, you can and should say no and consider finding another lawyer. Often, non-radical or non-movement lawyers do not understand the added importance of refusing to cooperate because their imperative is to keep you safe as their client and they are not always thinking about the safety of our broader community. Your lawyer works for you and if you do not want to throw your comrades under the bus you don't have to. You can contact us directly, or the local chapter of the National Lawyers Guild to find options for representation - not all lawyers are the same so please do your homework! The National Lawyers Guild maintains a federal defense hotline to contact if you are approached by a federal agency: massdef@nlg.org or (212) - 279 - 2811.

If you or someone you know has been contacted by the FBI in the Pacific Northwest regarding protest activities, we strongly urge to contact us at psps@riseup.net

In Solidarity,
Puget Sound Prisoner Support



REPORTBACK FROM STCAS RUNNING DOWN THE WALLS!

To keep it short - it was a huge success!

We had around 30 people come through - about half of which participated in the run and raised \$604 that we are splitting between the Anarchist Black Cross Federation War Chest Program and regional prisoners. There were supplies for writing letters to prisoners which people used and people had fun hand screen printing shirts for the event on site. Before running, someone spoke a little bit about the warchest and the anarchist black cross and someone else shared snippets of writing from a zine a formerly incarcerated friend had written during incarceration. A few people came up during and at the after party grilling at Yauger Park and asked what was going on and we had really refreshing and receptive conversations about the destruction of prisons.

On Running Down The Walls & The ABCF Warchest

For those unfamiliar, the ABCF Warchest is a program(<https://www.abcf.net/warchest-program/>) started in 1994 "to send monthly donations to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment. Its purpose is to collect funds from groups and individual supporters and send that money directly to commissary accounts of vetted Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POW) monthly."

Running Down the Walls is a non-competitive 5K started in 1999(<https://www.abcf.net/rdtw/>) to raise money for the Warchest and to raise awareness about political prisoners and prisoners of war, as a way to constantly affirm that we have not forgotten our comrades and fighters captured by our enemies. These runs happen both inside and outside prisons, and this year saw runs in Chicago, Eugene, Portland, LA, Lowell MA, Mexico City, NYC, Philadelphia, and Bristol.

This year also saw statements from various prisoners:

Toby Shone - <https://www.abcf.net/blog/toby-shones-2024-running-down-the-walls-2024-statement/>

Jesse Cannon - <https://www.abcf.net/blog/jesse-cannons-2024-running-down-the-walls-statement/>

Marius Mason - <https://www.abcf.net/blog/marius-masons-2024-running-down-the-walls-statement/>

Xinchtli - <https://www.abcf.net/blog/xinachtlis-2024-running-down-the-walls-statement/>

[the-walls-statement/](https://www.abcf.net/blog/oso-blancos-2024-running-down-the-walls-statement/)

Oso Blanco - <https://www.abcf.net/blog/oso-blancos-2024-running-down-the-walls-statement/>

Prisoner Solidarity Means Attack

"Revolutionary solidarity that doesn't see the prisoner as an inactive individual with whom you should unquestioningly show solidarity, but rather as a comrade who continues being part of the struggle and who, therefore, is active in exchanging visions of the different initiatives that are carried out.

I send an embrace charged with complicity to all the groups and individuals who carry revolutionary solidarity embedded in their daily struggles. Those who, each and every moment, persistently and obstinately confront this society that needs prisons, control, degradation and exploitation to perpetuate itself. Who are conspiring and devising new forms of spreading anarchist propaganda, carrying out attacks and acting in solidarity with prisoner comrades. A strong hug for all of them."

-Francisco Solar (<https://actforfree.noblogs.org/2024/09/11/chile-words-of-anarchist-comrade-francisco-solar-for-the-week-of-international-agitation-against-isolation/#more-1345>)

Prisoner solidarity cannot be the specialized role of particular crews or organizations, it's a project we must all take up. If anarchism isn't just a social scene, if we are true to our revolutionary ideals we must understand that at some point we are probably going to do some time. Beyond that even,

the degree to which our collective practice of prisoner support is strong is the degree to which people will feel empowered to take the risks that need to be taken and know that if something goes wrong, people will have their back.

It goes beyond this even, because to be an anarchist is to be at war with all forms of domination, and prison is the most direct form of domination - a core site of reproduction of hierarchies and the projection of state power - behind the power of the boss, the power of the landlord, behind the hoarding of the necessities of life and self actualization by the few, behind the impunity of racist and anti-queer vigilantes stands concrete walls, armed guards and locked doors for those of us who strike back.

Prison is the shock absorber for changes in social and economic domination, a continual site of capital accumulation via prison slavery. The United States is the largest incarcerator in the history of humanity and large swaths of the population - particular black and indigenous people - in one way or another are swept up into the machine as the raw materials for the ever expanding policing, corrections and border enforcement industries.

The prison industry and all its connected forms are a bi-partisan project of white supremacist terror on a scale the most extreme and well organized of fascist cadres could only dream of. Look at the bringing back of drug war era policies in Seattle via the SODA/SOAP ordinances, the broad criminalization of homelessness,

the expansion of police training facilities all over the country.

Looking clearly at all of this, if we are true to our revolutionary ideals each and every one of us will take on the responsibility of attacking prison in some way - for some this may be of a more social nature of breaking the isolation between inside and out by writing letters and connecting to prisoners, getting their voices to the outside world, raising the issue of prison so it cannot be ignored, connecting the struggle against prisons to all other struggles. For others, this may be more combative by physically freeing captives, attacking jails and prisons, bringing the fight directly to the homes of the jailers and those who profit off it, preparing the groundwork and networks to support people on the run and escapees, preparing the tools and networks to help turn prison riots into full blown insurrection that opens the gates and reduces those human warehouses to rubble.

Don't wait for someone else to tell you to write a letter, don't wait for someone else to go physically look at the jails in prisons in your areas, don't wait for someone else to study and analyze the process, flow and economy of the justice and corrections industries in your area to find where to best attack, don't wait until it's too late to factor the possibility of capture and jail/prison into everything you do, don't wait to take up the project of the destruction of prisons.

See you next year,
FIRE TO THE PRISONS
LONG LIVE ANARCHY

ReportBack from 300+ days of genocide march in Seattle

Discouraged by the lack of radical organizing in response to the ongoing genocide in Gaza and the occupied West Bank in the pnw over the past few months, multiple affinity groups came together to plan a black bloc at an upcoming march led by socialist and Palestinian advocacy groups.

The day began at Freeway Park with speeches at praising the Palestinian and Lebanese resistance movements resisting the IOF's expansionist genocide. As well as community members talking about their personal connections to those in Gaza and those being held in Israeli torture camps.

As the group began to march, the bloc of around 20-25 assembled with flags and umbrellas. The bloc quickly realized the route of the march included several businesses and governmental bodies directly involved in the Israeli occupation. Buildings were tagged with messages targeting both the American and Israeli occupations and a window was smashed. Each time the individual carrying out the act was covered by umbrellas and bodies to conceal their identities. Concerns had been shared about possible peace policing from organizers after seeing the collaboration between so-called "safety teams" in Chicago and the police at the DNC, however no such policing occurred.

It quickly became clear that police were in the area and likely planning targeted arrests. Discussions began around dispersal plans and individuals decided

whether or not to stay with the march. A large group dispersed mostly without incident, the rest stayed with the march until the end where multiple people were detained under the basis that they resembled suspects of property damage. However, no arrests were made in connection to any direct action.

Report from a comrade in bloc:
"At first we were really worried about working with some of these liberal organizations that have a bad reputation in fear of being peace policed or worse. Part of our goal in this action was to see how these particular organizers would act with bloc. None of us were policed at all and left with a better outcome than any of us had hoped for. The bloc was small but powerful and stood in active resistance to the police on site. We handed out info on what black bloc and direct action is to people attending the march and many seemed interested in our tactics. Bloc brought a new level of intensity and militancy that is new to the events by these organizers but the vibes in the crowd was that change was welcomed. Hopefully this can continue and we can start seeing larger blocs show up to start showing the world that we are done with peaceful marches, and we won't take this lying down. "



TWO YEARS LATER IN MEMORY OF TIMOTHY GREEN (OLYMPIA)

Two years since the murder of Timothy Green. How many times have we seen the same script play out? A tragedy, an investigation, exoneration, empty statements, try to bury it all and move on as quickly as possible.

Our memories and our hearts are battle grounds. Tragedy after tragedy moves fast, life after life is taken by the police, by the jails and prisons, by poverty. It moves so fast, everyone gets desensitized to it all so quick, forgets so quick.

A small crew of us came together to offer a small gesture of love and memory for Timothy Green by throwing up his name on a fence visible from the highway. It's so little, it's not enough, but if nothing else the walls should be filled with the names of the dead so the world is forced to remember.

For Timothy Green.
For Vanessa Hopsin
For Michael Reinhol
For Joel Anthony Nelson
For Jeffery McGaugh
For Stephen Edwards
For Charleena Lyles
For Manuel Ellis
For Jaahnavi Kandula

For Eucytus
For Willem Van Spronsen
For John T. Williams
For every name we will never know...

FUCK THE POLICE

This shit don't stop til we stop it.

REVISITING SOCIAL REVOLUTION IN THE AFTERMATH OF 2020

"Our task as anarchists, our main preoccupation and greatest desire, is to see the social revolution come about: a terrible upheaval of men and institutions which finally succeeds in putting an end to exploitation and establishing the reign of justice.

For we anarchists the revolution is our guide, our constant point of reference, no matter what we are doing or what problem we are concerned with. The anarchy we want will not be possible without the painful revolutionary break. If we want to avoid turning this into no more than a dream we must struggle to destroy the State and the exploiters through revolution."

-Alfredo Bonanno, Why Insurrection?

Few anarchists today have any speak of social revolution. Many laugh off or roll their eyes at the mention of it or worse, talk about realism and reform. The few who talk talk about it as if it were a religious desire or an otherworldly force. But what is social revolution, and what is anarchy without the social revolution? A desire, a goal, an over arching project of our entire lives - without it, what are we, what are we doing, and why?

The anarchist movements in the U.S. today are largely a reactive force, always waiting for another movement or uprising to come

along to attach ourselves to. Emptying anarchy of its content, anarchists are content to be the militant auxiliary or informal organizational vanguard of social movements or simply sit back and look for forms of anarchy in other peoples and places so we can rest assured that anarchy is a latent impulse in all peoples, that we are less alone than we really are and that it's a simple matter of time before everything falls into place. If I were to sum it up, I would say that there is a great confusion about what it means to be an anarchist and what it is anarchists aspire to.

The last time I spoke to someone about the idea of revolution the person responded with how it has become such a meaningless word. I couldn't agree more, but the conclusions we drew from this were totally different. For him it meant that we shouldn't bother with the idea. For me it means that we must return to the basics of anarchy - reexamine, explore and draw out our ideals to their conclusions and the means to realize them lest they get captured and killed by the enemy like what has happened with once dangerous ideas like Direct Action, Mutual Aid, Anti-Authoritarianism and Free Association.

Our ideals and actions - what anarchism is and what it means to be, act, fight and live as an anarchist - are not static, unchanging things. They must be continually gone back to and re-examined or else we will unconsciously fall into paths and ideas defined and re-defined by those who aren't anarchists. It's no

different than when we don't examine our own lives and fall into unconscious patterns and suddenly wake up 5 years down the line somewhere we don't recognize and someone we didn't want to be. It's the same because anarchy, too, must be lived and examined.

So this is my small contribution to the re-examination of anarchy with a particular focus on the concept of social revolution, a long neglected desire gathering dust in the old tomes and broken dreams of anarchists past. I hope to take it out, dust it off a little and rekindle its fire to help us orient ourselves in struggle. Anarchy isn't merely a beautiful idea to be dreamt about yet never realized but it is a concrete condition of possibility - something that can be realized at any point in time but only if we set about the task of realizing it ourselves. But we will not stumble our way into anarchy, without an idea of the ways and means to get there we will find ourselves in a great confusion, running around in circles conflating ourselves with reform movements, labor movements, leftist movements, helping others realize their goals but finding ourselves no closer to our own. No, we need to know our goals and desires, we need to study and examine the means and processes to actualize them, we need to dig into the grand process of destruction and creation and get re-acquainted with it.

I do this as much for myself as for others because I am tired of half baked ideas leading to half baked action, of being led around by others whims or waiting around for someone or something else

rather than concretely moving towards something. Because I am tired of stopping half way because I have no conception of what to do, or what could happen, next.

I can no longer be unsure, I have one life to live and it is what I wager each day I take up the fight for anarchy.

A Personal Reflection

For the longest time I was among those who didn't think or care about revolution. It didn't matter to me, all that mattered was the fight today. But you go and go and go and all the time you are going you're not thinking, not reflecting. It wasn't until I went to jail that I took time to slow down and think and reflect, because that's all you could do in jail. Suddenly the immortality of youth was beginning to wear off - in the previous years, and years to come, friends and comrades have been intensely injured, some went to jail and prison, some were murdered by the weight of the world through suicide and overdose. The stakes were real and the consequences were real and I couldn't afford to run around without thinking anymore.

At a certain point you have to ask - what am I in this for? Where are we going with this? What's the point? What even is the anarchy I'm risking myself for? I think everyone gets there eventually. For most people there isn't an answer and they drop off and try to "get their life together" and return to the bloody complicity of normality, or they try to keep going as they have until their life and/or body falls apart and they drop off, or they die.

The rest of us try to find something.

In jail I read a lot - Alfredo Bonanno, Assata Shakur, Ursula K. LeGuin, and the works, exploits and dreams of various other anonymous or otherwise lesser know anarchists, revolutionaries and rebels. When I got out I kept reading and kept thinking while trying to get my feet back on the ground. Then 2020 came, both the pandemic and the riots. It's these two events that put things in perspective for me - opened my eyes to the possibilities and the horrors.

Me and some comrades went to Minneapolis - we saw the flames, the joy, the power but we also bore witness to the police, military and fascist repression on a scale we hadn't experienced before. We returned to Olympia to experience for a few months a total power over the city. Everything was smashed and every night we would come out and smash more. We never thought we would get to this point and it was obvious we never thought beyond it because the same question came up over and over - now what?

Insurrection came and ripped space and time from the vicious maws of the state - its forces in retreat. But an opening is just an opening and we still have to make the conscious choice to walk through but we were unprepared - perhaps even scared - to ask important questions. Questions of land, of food, of expropriation, of arms (and particularly in ways that disempowered the professional 'security' teams - organized petty authoritarians - that bullied,

injured and killed more of "us" than they ever did of cops and fascists - rest in power Antonio Mays Jr).

Downtown cores were wrecked, state security forces were in retreat, yet our everyday lives were untouched. We returned to our largely segregated neighborhoods which remained untouched, many of us still had to return to jobs or sleeping in cars or shelters or on the streets. The old forms of power - misogyny, white supremacy, citizenism, settler anxieties and the old baggage of many people's class position still persisted and the struggle against these were pushed aside "for the movement" while numerous people on the receiving end of these forms of petty authoritarian domination were forced out. It was clear quickly that "the movement" had replaced the insurrection - the project of our very lives.

Without a vision, a goal, a total project and deep understanding of it we were unable to even imagine taking the opening which was forced open. We couldn't grasp the totality of the project we were embarking on, only recognizing the streets as a terrain of struggle yet nowhere else.

And then the opening closed.

It's in these past few years since and in the wake of the collapse of the anarchist movements here in which I've been doing the most thinking, studying and reflecting. Slowly in the last year we've really begun to re-emerge and yet still we are largely making the same, unconscious mistakes as before of waiting for another movement or uprising and

attaching ourselves to it - of being reactive because we don't think about where we are trying to go, of relegating Anarchism simply to a form of organizing social struggles and emptying it of its specific content.

It's this desire to not repeat these mistakes of the past, to no longer aimlessly run around in circles or make complex excuses for waiting, to fully embrace Anarchy and delve into the self discovery of what that means that have brought me to the reexamination of the basics of anarchy and in particular the idea of social revolution - a total view of the project of destruction and transformation in all it's facets, imperfections and particularities.

Social Revolution

The great process of destruction and creation. Some imagine this as a singular moment of battle after which we shall be free. Some see it like a force of nature that will come regardless of what we do - or specifically that we cannot do anything to make it come faster - to justify waiting forever. Others, also seeing it in a religious or natural manner, say it will never come so better to toss it aside, forget about it, and simply act.

It is neither mystical, nor a force of nature, nor something that happens outside of and to us but a concrete process which we undertake. It's constantly beginning but it has no end because it is the project of our lives - how we live, how we understand ourselves, how we relate to others and the world around us.

In this way we talk of social revolution rather than Political

Revolution like the Communists, Socialists, Democrats and Fascists do. The Political is concerned with the taking of power and exerting it over others, the administration of people and things, while the social is concerned with changing the very fabric of our lives - an undertaking no power can demand of us, force upon us, or undertake for us. It's the very essence of autonomous self organization, we have to do it ourselves for ourselves.

It's at the same time Individualistic and Collective and does away with the distinction all together. Individualistic because the changing of relations starts at the level of the individual - from the moment we decide to be done with our old selves, be done with submission, with the humiliations thrust upon us by this world. When we begin to see and understand oppression, our suffering and our complicity in the suffering of others, and undergo a process of internal transformation. Collective because once we begin we can no longer turn back, forget, return to our old selves and very quickly we come upon the violent limits of this world - the landlord, the boss, the police and every petty authoritarian along the way. We begin to understand that our lives, our freedom, is bound in the lives and freedom of the Other, that we are not an island, that we rely on other people. We also realize that we are weak. By ourselves we are at the mercy of the dominators, we can strike out in small ways and at first it is freeing but quickly we come face to face with the enormity of the world of horrors. It's at this

point we reach out for the Others and for the first time stumble awkwardly through how be together on our own terms - to add up our Individual power to make a Collective power that doesn't diminish but empowers. All this to live better and fuller. All this to attack and for the first time claim our lives and our futures.

It is a dance between Destruction and Creation. We Destroy our old selves and the baggage of this world - the inhibitions, the roles thrust onto us, the small ways we keep crawling back to the Masters. Knowing the bourgeoisie, the nationalists, the colonists, the authoritarians won't simply give up their power - that is what police, armies and militias are for, after all - we lay waste to the old world to clear the time and space for ourselves. It is only with this Destruction that we can talk of Creation - we destroy our old selves to open the possibilities to - for the first time - a free and full existence that is determined on our terms. We destroy the old world and its wretched defenders to claw out the space and time to experiment with all the ways we can exist together. One does not exist without the other.

This is the essence of social revolution, it is conscious steps we take day by day inside ourselves and with each other that is both wildly destructive and beautifully creative. If all we do is think about it, it will be nothing as we are not doing it. If we sit, examine and debate its nature it will be nothing because we are not doing it. It is not a matter of belief, it doesn't

matter if you don't believe in it or care about it because it is something we do, do for our entire lives and it is only by doing does it come to be.

This is all well and good, but it's still too vague for my taste, so let's go a little further.

Here is my greatest desire: Anarchy, the autonomy of the individual in the freedom of association assured by the full, free, and equitable access to the means of life, joy and self fulfillment. The understanding that all that exists and will exist is so by the collective effort of all living creatures since the beginning of life and as such it is the rightful collective inheritance of all living creatures, belonging to us all, simply by virtue of birth. It is the negation of authority and hierarchy, the universal emancipation of all living creature from all forms of domination - to neither rule nor be ruled.

It is this view of anarchy which shapes my understanding of social revolution and the process in which we bring it to be. For me, there is no difference between our ends and means, our means must also be our ends - this is why we oppose political parties, vanguardism, a military discipline, bureaucracy and alienating structures that subdue the individual. Not just on tactical grounds, but for the fact that to try to attain anti-authoritarian ends through authoritarian means is an inherent negation of anarchy. It is to explicitly say that means and principles of anarchy are not up to the task of its realization.

The means in which we realize

revolution will give anarchist principles their precise historical content - individual autonomy, direct action, the refusal of mediation and compromise, freedom of association, solidarity and mutual aid, etc. Directly putting these into practice in the insurrectionary moment will be chaotic, many will accuse the process and the new individuals it creates of going too far - first and foremost among the terrified pearl clutchers will be those who know that a person who has the means to directly satisfy their needs cannot so easily be managed, mediated, controlled and passed through the gamut of half way measures and incrementalism.

Realism, slow steps, transitory stages will not curb the desires of the barbarous individual born of the insurrection. The revolutionary process is aborted by half measures and it is from the corpse of this process that the monster of the reaction is born and tightens around our necks its claws of Law and Order - a reality we are currently living in the aftermath of the 2020 insurrection.

The first and most important part of the revolutionary process is the abolition of private property - in all of its forms from land and capital to food, clothing, shelter, etc. - by a total and complete expropriation expressed in the opening up and looting of all stores and warehouses, taking stock of all empty houses and apartments and letting those who need them house themselves, the refusal of paying or recognizing rents and debts, the take over and self-organization, mass abandonment, or destruction

of all workplaces and opening up their use to all.

This is the actualization of the phrase "Everything for everyone" and it's negation is the establishment of a revolutionary dollar, a barter system, labor vouchers. The very first revolutionary act is the destruction of Capitalism, exchange economics and the wage system by the immediate self organization by the exploited to assure - through arms - that everyone has the means of access to food, clothing, dignified housing without any intermediary or committee.

This is the first expression of self organization and the revolutionary process lives or dies by it.

What comes next is an uncontrollable extension of fire, self organization and collectivization reaching into every corner of the old world.

The destruction of all records and torching of all financial and property based institutions - banks, treasuries, debt collectors, real estate, property management, etc.

The re-appropriation of the pool of collective knowledge and skill and the self organization of social life to abolish the division of labor which brings an end to the reign of specialists.

The looting of gun stores and armories for the free arming of all peoples and self organization of revolutionary violence - rejecting uniforms, ranks, professionalization, militarization and the armed vanguard - for the routing of state security forces and

opening the way to the destruction of all state records and state buildings, the opening up and destruction of jails and prisons, juvies and reformatories.

The take over and collectivization of the means of communication - radio and television stations, printing presses and internet infrastructure for free access and flow of communication, information and more broad spread of the insurrection.

The self organization of specific peoples and struggles into their own collectives, assemblies, networks, federations, or what other forms they choose, no longer content to be smothered by an enforced universalism built on their backs and at their expense, to best discuss by themselves and for themselves the particularities of their oppression and exploitation and how to make the Social Revolution just as much their own.

To sum it all up - it is the total upsetting of normality and creating the conditions that make it impossible to return to the old world when the fires settle and the smoke clears. The steps we take are the clearing away of the physical structures of domination and with it seizing for ourselves the time and space to finally decide, on our own terms without any mediation or intermediary, who we are and how we wish to live.

In drawing out the potentials of this process I am not trying to devise a blueprint to be followed to the letter but am trying to bring light to the means to realize our goals and desires. This will all depend on the specifics of location

and situation and needs a deep examination of the local and regional terrain and context to concretely figure out what to do.

Insurrectionary ruptures will come, as they always have, but they will not deliver us to somewhere else on their own. No act of divine providence, no cataclysmic event, no decree passed down from above will deliver us from the wretched position we find ourselves in - prostrated before our oppressors with the burden of their world on our backs.

It is only by the intentional, determined action of us as individuals and together with the rest of the great mass of the exploited individuals that we will pull the emergency break on the death machine of capitalism and industrial civilization and make a break for it, never to return.



THE LZ IS GONE BUT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO DISRUPTING AND DESTROYING ALL SYSTEMS COMPLICIT IN GENOCIDE!

The following statement was written by a group of comrades who autonomously occupied the University of Washington in solidarity with the broader Palestinian resistance movement globally known as the Student Intifada.

On May 1st, 2024, a coalition of student organizations known as the United Front for Palestinian Liberation (UF) put out a call to join an occupation to demand that the University of Washington, (1) materially and academically divest from Israel, (2) cut all financial ties with Boeing, (3) and end the repression of pro-Palestinian students, workers, and faculty. This occupation became known as the Liberated Zone (LZ). The UF stated, "we reject our university's complicity in genocide and refuse to leave until our demands are met" but after only two weeks, a small self-appointed negotiating team signed a vaguely worded agreement with university administrators committing to remove all tents and never establish an encampment again in exchange for tuition waivers for 20 Gazan students (at an unspecified time), tentative opportunities to propose (not guarantee) steps toward divestment, and performative gestures that imply the university supports the safety and well-being of Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim communities.

We know these gestures mean nothing since the university remains complicit in the on-going mass murder of people within these communities. The agreement does not guarantee any form of material divestments from genocide-profiteering companies but instead uses standard deceptive sales tactics to deny and obscure the university's investments and ties with these companies. The agreement pacified the occupation by inviting students to send representatives to additional

inconsequential meetings to discuss their investments and ties with genocide.

When asked for an account of what happened a student occupier explained:

"In the first days of the encampment, the negotiations team insisted that they were very optimistic that the university was willing to meet the demands. Many people who had participated in previous occupations warned against this false hope and emphasized the need for more escalation, but they were dismissed as pessimists. After a few days, the negotiations team began to admit that the university was not willing to cut ties with Boeing or give any guarantees for divestment. They still asked everyone to refrain from any escalation and wait until there is a clear dead end. While some autonomously engaged in minor escalations such as graffiti, many waited for more unity around escalation to avoid abrupt fractures. Four days before the agreement was signed, the negotiations team said that the university was not willing to give us anything at all. For the first time, the UF called for escalation albeit in a gradual way. This added a lot of momentum and hope. That night, many groups and individuals autonomously covered buildings all over the campus with graffiti and were preparing for more escalation. The next day, the admin called this a "major escalation" and refused to come to the negotiation table. But in reality, this minor escalation had made the admin very concerned about the momentum for more escalations. So, a day later, the admin came with an offer with the hope of ending our movement and preventing further escalations. By accepting the proposal, the UF helped the University of Washington whitewash their complicity in genocide, while stripping us of the ground that we had a degree of

control over, the valuable resources that we had gathered, and the community and momentum we had built for further escalations." -Anonymous

Another occupier explains, "What happened within the LZ is the same thing we see happen in broader social and political spheres. Whenever a grassroots Leftist mobilization becomes a threat to the status quo, people in power delegate representatives within those popular movements (most often appointing people with specific oppressed identities), give them a sense of agency within their decision-making process (often described as a "seat at the table,") use those representatives to communicate to larger groups that their voices are being heard and they are working toward meaningful change but often what ends up happening is nothing fundamentally changes because it is easy for these representatives to be disregarded if pressure is not applied outside of negotiations. On a micro-social and political scale, this describes the function of the LZ's negotiations team, their agreements with UW administrators, and it resembles the function of the Democratic Party within the US political system as a whole. Within the LZ, we also saw attempts to forcibly assimilate small autonomous groups unaffiliated and unwilling to participate with the UF and their negotiation tactics. Smaller self-organized autonomous groups took action as trusted friends and made no attempts to brand, formalize or officiate themselves or their efforts. These groups seemed to confuse and threaten the order of the more established student Organizations since our presence within the LZ was distinguishable. Orgs began referring to us as "the AG" (which stood for Autonomous Group) and requested we send representatives to their meetings. Many of us laughed at this because it felt like they were trying to formalize us against our

will. Simply put, many of us engaging in autonomous organizing both within and outside of the LZ identify as anarchists and therefore act without regard to authority. What defines autonomous self-organization is precisely the rejection of all representation. Our power to create change will always lie in direct action."

-Anonymous

For weeks, students of UW along with mixed groups of community members devoted time, energy and resources toward this occupation. We sacrificed health, comfort, and safety for an encampment that could have been a hub for disruption and escalation in solidarity with Palestine. We defended the LZ from Zionist, fascist aggression on two occasions and yet as soon as UW President, Ann Marie Cauce refused to negotiate over some graffiti (what she laughably described as a "major escalation"), the negotiation team accepted the first deal she offered them — because these self-appointed representatives of the LZ believed that the point of negotiating is to argue effectively, to placate the concerns of the other party, to "win" something "realistic". But as the broader Palestinian resistance has taught us, our enemies will not give us anything unless we force them to, unless we pressure them enough that they will do anything to make it stop — until refusing a gift from Boeing sounds a lot nicer than waking up to see what those meddling kids have been up to.

As revolutionaries, we do not align ourselves with the terms of this agreement and remain committed to disrupting and destroying all colonial systems

complicit in genocide. We know that many of those who poured love and rage into this occupation will do the same. We are insulted by the outcome of the LZ and urge our comrades to withdraw all faith in bureaucratic processes that are designed to pacify and establish control over grassroots movements oriented around direct action. The LZ is gone but the mass-murder of Palestinians continues. Peaceful protests do not stop genocides. We will not allow illegitimate, self-appointed leaders of these Liberal reformist organizations to co-opt our movements and kill our momentum. We call upon those who are dissatisfied with the outcome of the LZ to engage in autonomous actions against the on-going genocide. **DO NOT WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTION!** We are not done until Palestine is free!

EVERGREEN DIVESTED?! WELL, NO.

The news is everywhere now, The Evergreen State College has divested from Israel! But what is being repeated is a flat out lie. Evergreen has not divested, but the negotiators of the camp capitulated and signed a nonbinding agreement to form disappearing task forces to make suggestions in a timeline of months and years. This has been spun as a victory, whether its because they truly believe that this time, because it's their people on these toothless taskforces or because they just desperately needed something called a win under their belt to present themselves in the future as Accomplished Organizers (TM), who knows but it matters not.

But worse, not only are they patting their back over a false victory, this lie has spread far and wide and into other organizing spaces and encampments. To fuck your own struggle is one thing, to give false information to other people in struggle is unforgivable. Perhaps they didn't think about how these aren't isolated struggles but a connected front in the war in communication and looking to each other for example and inspiration, perhaps they didn't care. We can only hope others see the bullshit for what it is and continue to fight until **REAL, MATERIAL VICTORY.**

But they were right about one thing, the struggle continues though certainly not by them. Evergreen is still invested in apartheid, still has zionist classes, the city of Olympia is still invested (and unlike these Organizers we are not trying to affirm the position of Student but tear it down and recognize there is no distinction between On Campus and In Town except that our enemies try to impose upon us). Where do we go from here? That's the question we have all been discussing since. For now, there are some possibilities but not a lot of answers. Some experiments are in the work.

At this point, this is all I have to say. I would like to include below the text from a few pieces that have come out elaborating on this false victory.

Half struggles only teach us to lose.

May we take the hard road and learn how to win.

The risks are worth it.

(A)
**WHAT WAS JUST SIGNED IN
RESPONSE TO THE "GAZA
SOLIDARITY ENCAMPMENT"
AT THE EVERGREEN STATE
COLLEGE**

Hint: It is NOT anything resembling Evergreen successfully divesting!!!!

"The Evergreen State College administration has been good at co-opting and redirecting protests away from demands and towards further and endless discussing of the underlying issues without making significant changes. A common tactic by the Evergreen administration is to set up a task force called a DTF [Disappearing Task Force] where students have a token representation or the administration selects students who will go along with objectives of the Evergreen administration even if they conflict with justice or real student power."

A translation of the legal speak that was a result of the negotiations with administration:

The college will create four committees made of students, staff and faculty with chairs, co-chairs and quarterly reports. The committees will go through long bureaucratic processes that take years and IF any policy changes result from their suggestions at the end, and IF those policy changes are ever adopted, a similar process would need to happen to repeal them. None of these policies are binding.

The four disappearing task forces that have been created and are:

1. Investment - a committee

"charged with proposing revisions to investment policy including new proposed language on socially responsible investments/divestments". They will then recommend, according to their definitions, what "socially responsible" investments and divestments are by Fall 2024. Their recommendations will be considered in 2025 and if any are adopted they would be fully implemented in 2026. The college is not a moral entity and will not care what is socially responsible, it is a business and will do what it profitable unless it feels pressured to do otherwise.

2. Grants Acceptance Policy DTF - this committee makes non-binding recommendations about what grants should and shouldn't be accepted.

3. Civilian Oversight of Police DTF - the purpose of this committee is to suggest a new review board structure to the police on campus. They can recommend lots of stuff, and the college will support students in going to a conference where they can learn about more stuff to suggest. Their recommendations IF accepted would be implemented by 2026. LEAVING PLENTY OF TIME FOR THE POLICE TO BE MILITARIZED, COMMIT VIOLENCE, AND SIGN A CONTRACT THAT MAINTAINS THEIR RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED ASSAULT RIFLES. Even if an oversight board is created, it can be peeled back as it was in 2017. Oversight does not stop police violence, as only the elimination of police on campus would.

4. Alternative Models of Crisis Response DTF - this committee would suggest non police crisis response for medical care and de-escalation. Full implementation of any recommendation would happen by 2030.

But Wait!!!! That's not all!!! In addition to creating these committees that are likely to have no impact, the college will also SEND AN EMAIL!!! about how the genocide is upsetting. So progressive.

What else? The negotiated agreements also touch on:

Study Abroad: This section basically says "no travel abroad to a war zone while a war is happening".

And of course...Kicking out the encampment/"reconciliation": May 1st at 5pm all students and trash must be removed. If any students do not agree to exchanging these weak demands for leaving, they will be repressed.

DO NOT ACCEPT THIS CYCLE OF THE COLLEGE WINNING ITS ABILITY TO DIFFUSE REBELLION, RESISTANCE AND STUDENT/PEOPLE POWER SO EASILY! DO NOT ACCEPT THESE DEMANDS AS VICTORY, DO NOT BELIEVE ANYONE WHO TELLS YOU EVERGREEN HAS DIVESTED, THAT IS AN ABSOLUTE AND UTTER LIE

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ESCALATE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACT, UNTIL WE FORCE THE COLLEGE INTO ACTUAL MATERIAL AND URGENT CONCESSIONS FOR PALESTINE, AGAINST THE

ACCEPTANCE OF MILITARIZED POLICE

WE REMEMBER THE TWO STUDENTS VOTES THAT OVERWHELMINGLY DEMANDED THE COLLEGE DIVEST FROM ISRAEL, WE REMEMBER THE DISAPPEARING TASK FORCES ABOUT THE EVERGREEN POLICE THAT DID NOTHING. WE DO NOT ACCEPT TO BE PLACATED BY THESE DEMANDS.

From an Anonymous Lawyer Speaking about the Failure of the MOU:

TESC Divests? Not Really At All.
D.C.

May 2, 2024

Yesterday, the Cooper Point Journal ran a story with the headline: "TESC AGREES TO DIVESTMENT: Greeners say 'The Struggle Continues!'" In uncritical, triumphalist language, the article summarizes the terms of a supposed agreement entered into between four individuals claiming to represent the "Evergreen Gaza Solidarity Encampment" and TESC.

Despite the article's claim that the agreement represents "won divestment processes", the document really doesn't do anything - and it certainly does not mean TESC will divest its investments from the State of Israel or the Israeli, American, and international companies that enable the genocide in Palestine.

To focus on what real and/or legal effect this agreement could possibly have, we'll have to set aside a few issues like how the

"Duly Authorized Student Representatives" came to represent the camp, etc. Taking the agreement at face value, does it even accomplish what it set out to? In a word, No. The agreement merely creates an "Investment Policy Disappearing Task Force" that is "charged with proposing revisions to investment policies." The task force will "address divestment from companies that profit from gross human rights violations and/or the occupation of Palestinian territories." Ultimately, the task force will only gather information and "complete a recommendation." These are just vague and unenforceable promises, and TESC will be free to ignore whatever the task force does. The agreement does not contain any specific, concrete commitment to divest.

The ability to "propose revisions" and to "address divestment" is nothing the movement doesn't already have. We don't need to wait years to make our recommendation - it's already clear: We want TESC to stop providing direct or even indirect financial support for American and Israeli wars, and specifically the genocide happening in Gaza right now. TESC has the information it needs to make this happen. It can and should identify its own investments and eliminate the ones that profit from the ongoing crisis in Israel and Palestine.

Why is this agreement so bad for us? Well, the whole point of the farce is to mollify the movement. The Investment Policy Disappearing Task Force lacks

power and authority by design. And it's shocking the Cooper Point Journal article uncritically praises the agreement. TESC's way of killing student activity by creating dead end task forces is well-developed at this point. As Peter Boehmer observed in an article he published in last year (coincidentally one day before October 7):

A common tactic by the Evergreen administration is to set up a task force called a DTF (Disappearing Task Force), where students have a token representation or the administration selects students who will go along with the objectives of the Evergreen administration even if they conflict with justice or real student power.

The Cooper Point Journal article quotes an unidentified student who said, "this is the beginning not the end." But we know the opposite is true. By negotiating the end of the encampment in exchange for a nebulous task force that could only ever make mere recommendations, the four representatives bargained away what leverage the movement made this week and only got indefinite and unenforceable promises. This is an unqualified victory for TESC, which got the pacification they wanted and keeps complete control over its investments.

It's an unqualified loss for the movement against genocide.

REPORT FROM A15 AT THE PORT OF OLYMPIA

An international call went out for a coordinated economic blockade for a free Palestine[1] for April 15th. While many people probably decided to go north to Seattle, where they blockaded the Sea-Tac[2] international airport, a small group of us got together and decided to plan what we could do here in Olympia. It's cool and important to go support other cities' actions, but we also gotta fight on our turf because no one else will.

About 25 of us met up in Heritage park, we had 4 large banners, some Palestinian and black flags, buckets that were used as drums and a wagon filled with water and snacks. We also had a couple hundred print outs of the A15 statement and solidarity agreement which read as follows:

"The proposal states that in each city, we will identify and blockade major choke points in the economy, focusing on points of production and circulation with the aim of causing the most economic impact, as did the port shutdowns in recent months in Oakland, California and Melbourne, Australia, as just a few examples.

There is a sense in the streets in this recent and unprecedented movement for Palestine that escalation has become necessary: there is a need to shift from symbolic actions to those that cause pain to the economy.

As Yemen is bombed to secure global trade, and billions of dollars are sent to the Zionist war machine, we must recognize that the global economy is complicit in

genocide and together we will coordinate to disrupt and blockade economic logistical hubs and the flow of capital.

We will act in solidarity with each other in the face of attacks from the media, politicians and the police and the Zionist project. We will support each other in the following ways:

If one city faces police repression, other cities will extend or expand their blockades or initiate other actions in response if able to the best of their abilities and capacity

We will not attack each other or each other's actions on social media or to the press. We will hold a post-action debrief so that we can raise principled critiques among ourselves in a constructive manner rather than publicly.

Every city will take responsibility for choosing and planning their own local actions. Fellow organizers will not discourage or denounce each others' plans because solidarity means affinity, not ownership.

We will keep each other safe by not talking to the police, not coordinating with the police, and not talking to them about our actions or our fellow organizers."

We circled up and took turns reading from the statement. After this people started chanting and with good energy took the streets. We snaked through downtown at a steady pace - not too fast, not too slow - chanting while people banged out a steady beat on the drums. We headed off to the Port of Olympia and on the way some logs joined our procession.

We got to the main gate, formed a line blocking the entrance with ourselves and the logs and whatever else we could drag with us. Immediately port security and workers got physical with us and tried to push us out of the road, but people held strong, didn't let each other get pushed around and did it joyously while laughing in their faces. Eventually they fucked off and when they did half the group split a little down the ways to go block the only other entrance for trucks.

We held both entrances for about an hour and a half and for the most part it was incredibly chill! Towards the end the second blockade started getting more trucks and vehicles trying to drive through them and while they won a couple games of chicken with vehicles, port security and workers began going up to the truck drivers and encouraging them to run over people. People decided to come consolidate back on the main entrance and we held that for another hour and a half before deciding to disperse.

In that time some people came and dropped off pizza for us, someone who was walking by stopped to talk to us about their experiences blocking the very same gate back in 2007 during Port Militarization Resistance to stop the shipping of military vehicles through the port - which succeeded! An old lady walked by, gave us some words of support and then handed one of us \$20 which was really funny. And we intensely pissed off the owners of Dancing Goats Coffee because we wouldn't let their car through and they had

a really funny melt down over it even though they could have just parked somewhere else and walked in.

Dispersal was pretty clean and easy and there have been no arrests. Overall and despite everything it was just really fun and surprisingly easy.

WHY THE PORT? WHY A BLOCKADE?

What does the Port of Olympia have to do with the genocide of the Palestinian people? Nothing, but also everything. Every facet of american society and its economy is a cog in the genocide machine. All income tax, sales tax, property tax, industry taxes, etc eventually go to the war machine. A healthy economy supports the war machine and enables the US Government to send billions in aid and weapons to Israel. The more stable the american state, the more stable the Israeli state. For the Palestinians to live, the US must fall.

The halls of power are a smoke screen and stocked full of clowns, they're a distraction. Power is in logistics, circulation/distribution, production and extraction. It's ports, railways and highways. It's the manufacturers of military equipment. It's the places of extraction and refinement of the raw materials that make the equipment. It's the places where the vehicles that transport the raw materials, intermediate and finished products are parked and refueled at. Power is the economy and our freedom is in its destruction.

What we did was a tiny pinprick, but it wasn't just us, it was people blockading Sea-Tac, it

was people blockading Intel in Portland, I-5 in Eugene, the 808 in Oakland, the Golden Gate Bridge in SF, and it will probably be a few days before we get the full scope of what other places were doing.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

Trying to blockade the Port of Olympia with just 25 people was a fucking audacious plan, and that we held both the truck entrances at all is wild, but people had the energy and confidence and made it happen. What would have helped would to have had more hard blockade materials. We're proponents of not trying to fight trucks with our bodies. Pallets, old furniture, whatever random shit we can grab, and ideally caltrops and spikeboards should make more appearances.

Having more things to do to keep the energy up would have been cool - we did really well with chanting but maybe like some kind of sound system both for music and talking about what was going on and why would have been cool, a soccer ball to kick around in the intersection would have been cute. Stuff like that!

Thinking more to the future, having some sort of autonomous media group - autonomous as in not a fixed/named organization but an ideally rotating position for comrades who maybe don't want to/can't risk being in the thick of it for whatever reason to sound off about what's going on and to safely take pictures/video of action in a way that is safe and also consistent with anarchist principles and applied in a way as to not make celebrities out of people, to not hollywoodify action, to not focus on

aesthetic over substance, etc.

Similarly, there has been a consistent push by anarchists and other autonomous rebels to reject social media and return to offline means of organizing and outreach for all manner of actions and events. Doing more individually texting friends about things going on, inviting them to meet up and talk about it, going to other events and inviting people/handing them fliers, and throwing fliers up everywhere. The better we get at this, the stronger our networks are and the more we are able to mobilize.

One of the things we did really well was destroying the leadership position. The collective reading of the statement rather than one or two comrades reading it or saying something was really solid. There was a lot of checking in with each other, asking each other questions, encouraging each other to just do things but also people feeling comfortable to voice concerns when they thought something may not be a good idea. It was a breath of fresh air from some previous actions where people unconsciously take a follower position and thrust someone - often unwillingly - into a leadership position. I'm excited to see more of them and to see this extend outside the space of actions.

In conclusion, 25 people can do a lot. What can you do?

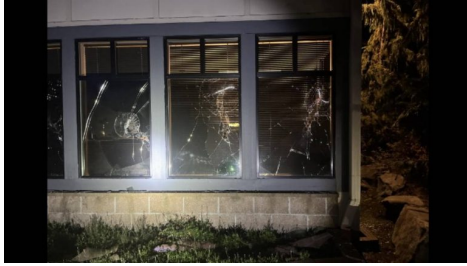
FREEDOM FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF INSUBORDINATION

FERAL WAR AGAINST THE PORT AND ITS WORLD

[1] <https://www.a15action.com>

[2] <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/sea-tac-airport-expressway-closed-due-to-protesters/>



ATTACK ON WEST SIDE REMAX OFFICES (OLYMPIA)

On the night of March 15th under the cover of darkness and the loving gaze of the moon and stars, a group of anarchists gathered to attack one of the many manifestations of our enemies - police, property, genocide and apartheid states. We discussed various possible targets - settling on the west side offices for REMAX at 211 Kenyon St - talked dispersal routes and other such things, shared party favors, donned the black masks and headed off.

We walked confidently and quietly to the target, foraging for rocks on the way - though still we found our selves wishing we had even more rocks to spare. Upon arrival to the target we split into two groups to get the front and back of the building and let loose with a barrage of rocks and hammers. The beautiful sound of spray paint and shattering glass filled the air for about 30 seconds before we gathered up everyone and ran off giggling into the night. As of the time of writing there were no arrests.

REMAX was chosen as a target for their buying and selling of property in recently colonized

Palestinian territories as part of the ongoing ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people by the Israeli settler state.[1] When the IDF kills, REMAX profits.

Along with this, as anarchists we reject the regime of property and all those who take part in and profit off of it - the cutting up and parceling out of the earth to enclose more and more of the common inheritance of all living creatures. This beast which defines the entirety of our lives and our limits, to which we must sell away our time to appease, was brought forth by fraud and blood and is still enforced by fraud and blood. All law is pageantry to cover up the truth that to enforce property others must be forcibly dispossessed by the guns of the police and military and such a beast can in turn only be brought down by force alone.

It was easy and fun. It feels good to attack the physical manifestations of our shared domination. It feels even better to attack together. If you're reading this don't be a spectator, pick a target and strike.

**DEATH TO THE BEAST OF
PROPERTY AND THOSE WHO
DEFEND ITS REIGN OF BLOOD
AND TERROR**

**FREEDOM THE TO
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, MAY
THEIR STRUGGLE FOR
LIBERATION BRING RUIN TO
THE ISRAELI STATE**

**LONG LIVE ANARCHY AND
ITS INDIVIDUAL COMBATANTS**

[1] <https://theintercept.com/2016/02/11/why-is-remax-selling-properties-in-illegal-israeli-settlements/>

ANTI-BOEING BANNER DROP - SEATTLE



TREES SPIKED & BANNER DROPPED AGAINST NEW LACEY POLICE STATION

Feeling desperate after Friday's emergency rally to stop the deforestation on the property for the new Lacey police station, where police and security presence, including drones and undercover cops, something else had to be done. In the earliest hours of Saturday morning, a small crew spiked various trees in the woods that are currently being logged, a well-known ecodefense practice to prevent or at least delay the logging of these precious trees. We need forests, not cops. Hours later, a separate crew dropped a banner that read Stop Lacey Cop Complex #stopallcopcities at the Olympia/Lacey pedestrian bridge over Pacific Avenue that will hopefully bring more awareness to the project, which the city of Lacey has been pushing through since 2021 (or even as early as 2019) with little-to-no transparency. The new police station will include an 8 lane firing range, a training facility for

the use of law enforcement agencies in the region, and a "community center." We only became aware of how eminent the project was after the groundbreaking ceremony was announced a week prior to the event on February 5th. This is unacceptable.

Some context. Lacey signed a purchase and sale agreement on September 7th of last year acquiring a subdivided parcel from St. Martin's University. This parcel contains second growth forest, wetlands, and is in the well-known Asarco smelt plume that has contaminated soils from Tacoma to Lacey. Surrounding areas are known to contain lead and arsenic poisoning at levels that would require major clean up before development. The environmental checklist submitted by Brian Beley, the KMB architect and project manager, contains blatantly falsified information, such as no proximity to wetland and no birds or animals present in the forest whatsoever. This environmental checklist is the only step towards permit approval for deforestation. Additionally, the forestry practices application that was submitted is incomplete and haphazardly filled out. As if this wasn't shady enough, Lacey passed an ordinance in December (Ordinance 1650), within the same month as the project announcement, changing municipal code for building permits and subdivision of parcels that do away with public comment periods and criteria for subdividing parcels.

As anarchists, we do not believe in funding our already militarized police state another \$40-60 million.

We do not support police trainings that focus their efforts on target practice, gun violence, or crowd control through "non-lethal" munitions. We believe in amplifying the voices and centering the needs of the people, we reject a world of repression wherein those with power attempt to beat us into submission. We will fight back. And together, we will build a future where we are cared for, where we are heard. We are safer without the police. We take care of us.

A NOTE ON TREE SPIKING

Greetings to the rebels who took action under the cover of night!

I want to respond briefly to the communique "Trees Spiked, Banners Dropped Against New Lacey Police Station," particularly this part - "a small crew spiked various trees in the woods that are currently being logged, a well-known ecodefense practice to prevent or at least delay the logging of these precious trees."

Why is tree spiking a well known practice in ecodefense? How does it delay or prevent logging? I think it's important to look into questions like these to help decide on which tactics will be most effective to use at a particular moment.

The whole idea behind tree spiking is that there is a risk of the chainsaw operator hitting the spike and damaging the chainsaw and potentially kicking up shrapnel that will injure or kill the operator, similarly when it's hauled off to be processed that the presence of the spike will damage the machinery and potentially injure or kill the

workers. And yes, despite the insistence on EF! style NVDA, there is an implicit threat to injure or kill people in tree spiking. That's what makes it effective.

Unfortunately, the forest here is being cleared by heavy machinery and as far as I am aware the wood isn't being sold off for lumber - though I am open to being proven wrong on this and in which case consider this critique retracted. But because of these things it seems unlikely that this is an effective action.

I don't say this to shit on your action, I think in many cases just showing the will to act is can be an effective action in itself especially in times of general defeat and low capacity. I say this for you all, for me, and for potential onlookers to think a little more about where to strike and with what weapons.

May a thousand rebels bloom under the cover of night,

May a thousand forests grow upon the ashes of our enemies

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SEATTLE'S NEW POLICING PANOPTICON

On February 2, the City of Seattle quietly issued a batch of Surveillance Impact Reports (SIRs), required by the Surveillance Ordinance process prior to acquiring new surveillance technologies.

These reports signaled the City's intent to acquire three separate technologies: Acoustic Gunshot Location Systems (AGLS), CCTV cameras, and Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) software. While these reports are incredibly vague, those of us who have lived in Seattle for long enough can read between the lines.

The city claims these technologies will be targeting "gun violence, human trafficking, and persistent felony crime [...] concentrated at specific geographic places", beginning in the Chinatown-International District, Aurora, Downtown, and Belltown.

The City intends to combine these three separate technologies into a surveillance network that syncs CCTV footage with police location, 911 calls, and incident records. A closer look at these reports will show why we should all be concerned about the City's impending acquisition of these technologies.

Acoustic Gunshot Location System (AGLS)

Anyone aware of Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell knows that he has been a big proponent of ShotSpotter. Harrell has been pushing the technology for the past 10 years, at least as long as the company has been donating to his

campaign funds.

Shotspotter is probably the most well-known of a class of systems the City is calling Acoustic Gunshot Location Systems (AGLS). As written in the SIR, AGLS use "microphones placed in a defined geographic area that are programmed to detect the sound of gunshots and alert police and 9-1-1 when and where the incident has taken place." In other words, these systems dispatch police and EMS to locations of loud noises it classifies as gunshots.

These systems mostly use a combination of machine learning algorithms and human analysts to evaluate whether the loud noises its microphones pick up are actual gunfire or simply car backfires, fireworks, or other sounds. Training materials for ShotSpotter shows that its analysts have broad discretion in how they classify recordings.

Regarding privacy in public areas, the report claims that "audio recordings are only made if a sufficiently loud enough audio signal is detected (around 120 decibels)". It continues, "[i]n the event that human conversation is inadvertently collected (for example, screaming that rises above 120 dB), SPD will work with the AGLS vendor to have those audio files and associated locations deleted from the system."

One sentence in the report is key:

While the current literature on AGLS does not support its efficacy as a means to improve the speed and quality of police response, nor a means of enhanced reporting, no research to date has

addressed the application of AGLS in the context in which SPD intends to deploy it as a component of a broader forensic tool to support criminal investigations. For that reason, the existing research on AGLS alone is not helpful.

To break this down, the City is preemptively admitting that it is aware of the many reports on AGLS showing that these technologies do not help police respond to gun-related incidents. Instead, it wants to use AGLS as a means to alert police of and collect forensic data on possible gunfire events.

Yet, past incidents already show how AGLS are (mis-)used by police as a "forensic tool". Cases in both Chicago and Rochester show that alerts were reclassified as gunshots by analysts after ShotSpotter was contacted by police.

As an alerting system, ShotSpotter exacerbates police violence by sending police on high alert into our neighborhoods. A 2021 report by the Chicago Office of Inspector General showed that "evidence of a gun-related crime" was only found in "9.1% of CPD responses to ShotSpotter alerts".

But for each of the other 90.9% of alerts, police are still dispatched. A video from 2023 showed a heavy SPD response to a 911 caller alleging shots fired, showing officers pointing their rifles toward an unarmed man in crisis. Officers finally left after a tense standoff with intervening community members. Every false positive is another possibly deadly encounter.

In Chicago, a ShotSpotter alert has already led to an officer shooting and killing 13-year-old

Adam Toledo in 2021.

Just as concerning though, are the other two technologies the City is requesting: CCTV cameras and Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) software.

The SIR proposes to not just install city-owned CCTV cameras, but also to allow “privately-owned security systems [...] to voluntarily share video of storefronts and areas where the public has access” with the City. This would be a massive expansion of police surveillance, giving police potentially real-time surveillance video from any/every business concerned with petty theft or houseless people.

These feeds would then be integrated into Real-Time Crime Center software, which “provides a centralized location for real-time information and analysis” and “integrates dispatch, camera, officer location, gunshot detection, 911 calls, records management systems, and other information into one ‘pane of glass’ (a single view).”

Additionally, the RTCC software for CCTV cameras “can also provide in-application video analytics that use machine-learned algorithms to analyze camera feeds and, using object recognition, locate specific items, people based on clothing, or vehicles based on description”.

Consider Fusus, the RTCC software that most closely matches the capabilities laid out in the SIR. (Other RTCC products by Genetec and Flock support most of the same basic features)

The Fusus camera registry

allows business owners and community members to grant varying levels of access to privately-owned cameras, including Ring doorbells. Depending on the level of access granted, camera feeds can be “shared all the time, automatically activated by a trigger, or only on emergency alert.” So in many cases, instead of having to get a warrant or ask camera owners to send over video files, police will have perpetual live access to video from participating cameras.

Training materials from the Atlanta Police Department show the ability to search camera footage for vehicles (by type, make, color, etc), people (by gender, clothing color, whether the person is wearing a hat or bag, etc). Keep in mind that these criteria will only continue to develop as time goes on. Users can also choose to be notified whenever any person or vehicle matching the criteria are detected in the search area.

Fusus also has the ability to turn every camera into a license plate reader. This would continue the massive ALPR expansion that was proposed in December. Along with the alarming amount of information that can be inferred from aggregating a person’s travel patterns, experts worry about the dangers ALPRs pose to immigrants and people seeking reproductive care.

The software can also integrate with an ever-expanding list of third-party police technologies such as ShotSpotter to stockpile even more data.

Aside from the enormous incursions on privacy these

technologies would bring, you would be hard-pressed find a worse group of people to give this power to than the Seattle Police Department. In just the past five years, one officer was fired for using internal police data to try to get a date, while another was fired for using police databases to stalk his ex-girlfriend. This isn’t to mention the multiple domestic violence investigations into officers in the department.

Conclusion

Taken together, these technologies paint a picture, not of a safer city, but of a compassion-less city dictated by economics under the eye of unblinking cameras.

We oppose any and all forms of police surveillance, urge those living in Seattle to question their desires for “public safety” and interrogate what that actually means, and to stand in solidarity with our marginalized neighbors who will surely be the targets of this new form of police terror.

LACEY POLICE STATION CONTRACTORS UNVEILED

The City of Lacey recently announced plans to construct a \$43 million police station and training facility in a forest next to Lacey City Hall and the Lacey Library. They believe that they will construct this quickly, with public support and without incident. They are wrong. This article outlines the broad strokes of the project, the anticipated timeline, the primary actors, the beneficiaries, and some initial thoughts towards a strategy of resistance. The City of Lacey, along with the Lacey Police

Department, and the various contractors standing to make a profit on expanding the racist and murderous policing system, will quickly discover that construction will not be smooth or fast. They will discover what the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Police Foundation have been learning for the past three years: the spirit of 2020 is alive, and everyone still hates the police. They should learn from the political suicide of Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens, the near bankruptcy of the Atlanta Police Foundation, the millions of dollars of sabotage, vandalism, and arson that have dogged the contractors of Cop City in Atlanta, and the ongoing public humiliation of supporting an unpopular, unviable, and doomed project. People who believe in joyful and free lives, who want to live in peace and repair the earth, will do what is necessary to stop the expansion of a racist, militarized police force.

****Why a new police station in Lacey?****

Three and a half years after the largest uprising in American history demanded the abolition of the police, and as police killings continue to break records, cities across the country are investing record amounts of money in militarized police infrastructure and recruitment. The new Lacey Police Station is intended to serve 110 police officers, nearly double the current numbers of 63 officers. The Lacey City Council and Lacey Police are doubling down on policing and police power for the 21st century. Situating the police station immediately next to the library will increase surveillance

and carceral encounters at a community resource that is critical for exactly the populations criminalized and brutalized by police. They claim that the Lacey Police will partner with NGOs, and that "spaces for mental health and homeless outreach professionals in a space with police officers is paramount." [https://

cityoflacey.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/09/New-PD-Station-Executive-summary.pdf] We know that over 20% of people murdered by police in this country are experiencing a mental health crisis, and that calling 911 for assistance in a crisis is a good way to get shot. They also claim that the police station will be a "civic beacon," and will include an area where community members can gather for meetings and events. It is clear from this description who counts as a community member and who does not. No one but capitalists, small business owners, and reactionaries wants to go to community meetings at a police station.

Police and local governments likely believe that proposing a new police station in Lacey is a strategic move. Olympia, immediately next door, has a reputation for militancy, activism, and civic engagement; any new police station proposal would be met with intense scrutiny, engaged citizens, disruptive protests, and sabotage. Lacey is a decidedly more suburban city, with a larger percentage of active military personnel and military families stationed at nearby Joint Base Lewis-McChord. It has a higher median income, a reputation for

conservative and reactionary politics, and a hostile territory of newly built suburban developments, large shopping centers, and highways. They believe that they can build a new police station in friendly territory with the support of the local population and no scrutiny or oversight, but simultaneously benefit from increased police forces to respond to unrest in Olympia when necessary. They believe that they can push the entire project through with very little media attention. They are mistaken on both counts. The groundbreaking ceremony was disrupted by rowdy opposition; an opposition that will only continue to grow.

****How to Stop the Construction of the New Lacey Police Station****

Groundbreaking has begun on the Lacey Police Station, and time is short. Having missed the early warning signs and opportunities for intervention in the planning phase, opponents will need to operate quickly and on multiple fronts. Every action is necessary, and every action opens up new possibilities. The Lacey Police Station is not a done deal; it is still nothing more than an idea in the heads of people with power, money, and machinery. Every step of the construction phase is vulnerable to delay. Every delay opens an opportunity for opposition to grow; every mention of opposition to the project serves as a nucleus for people who are opposed but inactive to gather around. The memory of the 2020 uprising lives in the hearts and bodies of more people than we can know. Small acts of bravery inspire others.

Further, opposition to the Lacey Police Station benefits from the courageous struggle against Cop City in Atlanta. The tools are available, the strategic and tactical lessons are ample, and media discourse in both radical milieus and the mainstream media is primed for any opposition to new police infrastructure across the country. Some initial possibilities for action follow:

*Public and vocal opposition to the project is vital to generate broad consensus against investing further in the racist police state. Any and all opportunities should be taken to increase the social cost of the project, to generalize opposition, and to delegitimize the police. This includes public meetings, media coverage, flier and poster campaigns, door-knocking, memes, and the creation and exploitation of public scandals involving any parties invested in the new Lacey Police Station. This is all necessary but insufficient.

*The groundbreaking ceremony took place on February 5, and site clearing and earthworks could commence immediately. Early interruptions to site clearing and earthworks will help to knock the project off schedule, and open up future opportunities for intervention. Interrupting and delaying clearing and construction is necessary but insufficient. Long-term contestation or occupation at the site of construction, sandwiched between I-5 and Lacey City Hall, is a challenging prospect. Any and all tools should be used to stall construction at the site, but we should recall that the police can deliver overwhelming force at any

one place with enough time.

*Contractors are spatially dispersed, financially vulnerable, and politically uninvested in the project. Construction will be completed by a number of subcontracting businesses, with varying degrees of investment in the project. All contractors and subcontractors should be pressured to separate themselves from the project, but we should anticipate that those with the most to lose will be the last to let go. Contractors with small bids might easily be persuaded that the social and financial cost of building an unpopular police station outweighs the small profits they stand to make. If they are educated about the damages suffered by Cop City contractors in Atlanta, they might decide quickly. Any and all means should be used to dissuade contractors from continuing to invest in the police state. Individuals can be convinced; moral suasion from neighbors, co-workers, congregation members, and social networks can help. Contractors should be well educated about the problems with policing, and if they choose not to make an ethical decision, they should be educated about the external costs that they didn't budget for when taking the contract. Businesses have storefronts, warehouses, parking lots, telephones, fax machines, vehicles, and many more physical and therefore vulnerable assets. Businesses are also composed of individuals with names, faces, addresses, vehicles, and social networks. All of these elements are subject to pressure and force. The

end of this article contains a brief summary of the current contractors working on the project.

****Initiative & Tempo****

It is critical to maintain the initiative and to decide the tempo of resistance to this project. Ground clearing could begin any day; the construction timeline from the Lacey PD states that construction will begin in April 2024, and be completed by September 2025. Despite their well-laid plans, time is on our side. Our adversaries have a clearly charted-out construction timeline, with each step in the project contingent on the completion of the prior phase. Every delay is a victory. Each victory is a chance to attract allies and build support. Every small bit of friction applied to the project will increase resistance, delays, and cost. As friction builds and resistance appears possible, dedicated opponents can build momentum and attract support. We can act at the time and place of our choosing; our adversaries must be constantly vigilant, expending time, money, and energy to protect their flanks.

With these considerations in mind, here is an initial list of contractors and interested parties. All of them are viable targets for pressure. Small groups of dedicated individuals can have large impacts.

****CONTRACTORS & INVESTED PARTIES****

St. Martin's College

The land being used for the new police station was previously owned by St.

Martin's College. St. Martin's College is profiting over the destruction of trees and the doubling of a militarized, racist police force. Students at St. Martin's College

should consider what they think about their university's role in expanding police infrastructure.

Forma Construction

Forma Construction is the primary contractor awarded the \$43 million bid to oversee construction of the new Lacey Police Station. Forma Construction is based in Olympia, with offices in Seattle, and projects around the Northwest. Like many other construction companies, Forma has a slick website that celebrates their environmental certifications. They have won local credibility by building the unfortunately named but locally popular "Hands On Children Museum" in Olympia, in addition to renovations and new construction at St. Martin's College, The Evergreen State College, and many other schools. They have apparently decided to diversify their investment in repressive institutions by building a police station. They will soon learn that investing in the police comes with additional costs. Forma Construction's main office is located in downtown Olympia, at 500 Columbia St NW, Suite 201. They have an additional office in Seattle, at 1016 1st Ave South, Suite 400. Their entire leadership and staff are conveniently listed on their website here: <https://formacc.com/team/> Their primary phone number is 360-754-5788.

Forma Construction is insured by Alaska National Insurance.

Forma Construction should be made aware that investing in the police is not good business.

Active Construction, Inc

ACI won a bid for \$2.8 million, presumably for site prep and earthworks. They already discovered that this project will be more complex than they expected when one of their excavators lost a window during the groundbreaking ceremony. It will not be the last earth-destroying

machine that is damaged. Their contract date for the bid begins on February 12, suggesting that initial excavation and earthworks might be imminent.

ACI is located in Tacoma, at 5110 River Rd E.

Their personnel directory and contract information are also conveniently located on their website here: <https://www.activeconstruction.com/contact>

Groff's Electric Heat

Groff's Electric Heat won a bid for electrical work for \$6.6 million, making them the largest subcontractor after Forma Construction. Groff's Electric Heat is owned by Harold Stocker and Michael Glasman, and located at 3308 S Union Ave, Tacoma.

Their phone number is 253-383-3511

Eagle Harbor Associates

Eagle Harbor Associates won a \$4.2 million bid for plumbing. They are located at 1420 Marvin Rd. NE, Ste. C-147 LACEY, WA, 98516,

Their phone number is 360-779-8201.

Summit Fence Co

Summit Fence Co won a \$504,970 bid for fencing. They are owned by Donald Gene Lindstrom, and their registered address is PO BOX 5560 , OLYMPIA, WA 98509

Their phone number is 360-455-1250

Emerald Fire, Inc

Emerald Fire, Inc won a \$392,777 contract for fire protection and sprinklers. Their office is located at 11505 Burnham Dr STE 201, Gig Harbor.

Their phone number is 253-857-2056

**Uneath, LLC **

Uneath won a \$136,500 bid as a subcontractor for Groff's Electric Heat, for "power equipment operators."

Uneath LLC is located at 18210 32nd Ave Ct E, Tacoma, WA, and the owner, Robert Bartley, can be reached at 253-921-6750

MK Fall Protection

MK Fall Protection won a \$86,589 contract for fall protection. They are located in

Lake Stevens, WA

Sound Electronics

Sound Electronics won a \$72,000 bid as a subcontractor for Groff's Electric Heat.

Their office is located at 3409 S 37TH ST, Tacoma.

Their phone number is 253-472-2955

Powercom

Powercom won a \$55,979 bid as a subcontractor with Groff's Electric Heat.

They install wired and wireless networks.

Their office is located at 22122 20th Ave SE, Suite 152 Bothell, WA 98021

Their phone number is 425-489-8549

ONWARD

NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL CIVIL WAR

There is no local for the anarchist struggle - we recognize no border and neither does the war for TOTAL FREEDOM. New fronts open up every day in every territory where domination exists.

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