

EXHIBIT 1

I, William Lewis hereby declare and state as follows:

A. Background

1. My name is William Lewis. I am over 18 years of age.
2. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and if called to testify could and would competently do so.
3. I am unhoused and lived on 12th Avenue between Jefferson and Washington in the City of Phoenix.

B. May 31, 2023 Sweep

1. I did receive notice that a sweep of my block was planned for May 31, 2023 in an area of the city known as the Zone.
 - a. I received a flyer on Friday, May 26, 2023, indicating that a sweep would take place on May 31, 2023.
 - b. Someone in plain clothes who I believe was with Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) handed me a flier telling me about the May 31, 2023, sweep. They told me that if any of my personal belongings were not gone before the sweep on May 31, 2023, the City of Phoenix would trash my items. They did not tell me I would be arrested or cited if I did not move on the day of the sweep.
 - c. No one from OHS or the City spoke to me about the upcoming sweep.
2. I was present during the May 31, 2023 sweep.
3. During the sweep, my belongings were ^{collected} destroyed by the City / or CBI.
 - ~~a. My tent, tarps, and clothes, all of which I use for heat protection, were destroyed during the sweep.~~

W.L. * My tent, tarps, and clothes were moved into 2 large garbage bins; I was told I could pick them up w/in 90 days.

WJ i. I did ~~not~~ provide consent for the City to ~~destroy~~ ^{collect} my property. ~~I was~~
WJ ~~told any property I left behind would be trashed, and that if I returned~~
WJ ~~to the area, I would be arrested.~~ I still have not received it.

4. I was not given a chance to gather all of my belongings before they were destroyed. I am physically disabled, both of my hands were amputated several years ago, so it was very difficult for me to pack my things prior to the sweep with such short notice.

a. I returned to the swept area to try to get my property back, but when I returned to the area where I had lived, everything was gone. I did not see any notice or flyers where my tent and tarps used to be, so I believe they were destroyed.

5. I did not see any items tagged by the City for future destruction if they were not claimed.

6. After the sweep was conducted, no personal property of unhoused people was left behind on this block of the Zone.

7. I was offered services during the sweep.

a. The City tried to coerce me into accepting shelter at CAS, but I repeatedly told them I am not able to go to CAS because of an old assault charge on my record. The City then offered Watkin's House, but I declined the offer.

b. I did not accept the shelter offer because I have had negative shelter experiences in the past, and I did not believe the shelter would be able to accommodate my disability.

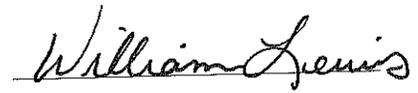
c. The City was very insistent that I accept the shelter option. They eventually relented after I repeatedly declined.

8. I was not threatened with arrest during the sweep.

9. I did not receive a citation during the sweep.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate.

Executed on 7/21/23

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Lewis".

William Lewis