SWORN DECLARATION OF ELIZABETH VENABLE

- 1. My name is Elizabeth Venable. I am over the age of 18, am of sound mind, and am competent and capable of making this declaration. I am submitting this Declaration under oath, under the penalty of perjury, pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
- I am the Co-Founder and the current Lead Organizer of the organization Fund
 For Empowerment.
- 3. Fund For Empowerment ("FFE") is a non-profit organization whose mission is to build community resources for members of the unsheltered community.
- FFE's membership includes individuals who are unsheltered or at risk of being unhoused.
- 5. FFE's purpose is to advocate for long term and sustainable housing on behalf of the unsheltered community.
- 6. Another purpose of FFE is to provide leadership training (the "Houseless Leadership Project") to those who are unsheltered, giving them an opportunity to raise up their own voices to advocate for housing solutions/community resources on their own behalf. This mission has been diverted because FFE has to provide know-your-rights training to the unsheltered community in connection with the sweeps.
- 7. FFE distributes water and food to the unsheltered community during the summer months.
- 8. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and if called to testify could would competently do so.
- 9. I observed the sweep of unsheltered individuals that occurred on May 10 in the Zone at 9th Avenue between Washington and Jefferson.
- 10. During the sweep, I observed city workers collect property and belongings of unsheltered individuals and destroy them.
 - 11. The property I saw collected and destroyed included tents, bedding, blankets,

clothes, tarps, storage containers, a walker, mattresses, water coolers, and a bike.

- 12. I saw the City use excavators and dump trucks to load up and destroy property. The excavators scooped the property up from the sidewalk and dumped it in large dump trucks. As the excavators scooped up property, many of the items were crushed.
 - 13. I did not see the City store any items. Everything on the block was destroyed.
 - 14. I did observe city workers speaking with unsheltered individuals.
- I also spoke with unsheltered individuals who were displaced by the City's May 10 sweep.
- 16. Based on these conservations, I know unsheltered individuals were offered shelter at CASS ("Central Arizona Shelter Services").
- 17. Based on my work in this space, I can competently testify that CASS is a shelter located in the Zone near the Human Services Campus. CASS has a limited number of shelter beds available, particularly for people with disabilities or pets. CASS only allows individuals to stay at the shelter for a limited period of time before they must leave. In my experience, most people are kicked out after three months. CASS is a congregate shelter so there is little-to-no privacy. CASS is also gender segregated, which means that married people can't be with their partner.
- 18. Some unsheltered people were also offered shelter at the Washington Street Shelter at 28th St. and Washington.
- 19. Based on my work in this space, I can competently testify that the Washington Street Shelter takes pets and is not gender segregate. It has some limited disability accessibility but does not accept people with substance use disorder at all, especially if it's active.
- 20. Based on my conversations, the City did not conduct individualized assessments of unsheltered people's needs before offering them shelter.
 - 21. During the May 10 Sweep, unsheltered individuals were not allowed to bring

1	all of their property with them when they were displaced. Before the City would provide		
2	shelter, they required unsheltered individuals to get rid of all their personal belongings that		
3	would not fit into two garbage bins.		
4	22. Any items forced to be left behind by unsheltered individuals were destroyed		
5	23. I do not know if the unsheltered individuals offered shelter by the City		
6	actually received shelter.		
7	24. I did not see any notices informing people that property had been collected or		
8	destroyed.		
9	25. I did not see the City provide any information to unsheltered individuals about		
10	where they could locate and pick up confiscated property.		
11	26. I did not see any tagged property.		
12	27. In my opinion, the sweep was confusing for unsheltered individuals.		
13	observed one woman crying during the sweep. This woman was surrounded by city		
14	workers and ultimately relocated without all of her belongings.		
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16	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America		
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SWORN DECLARATION OF RONNIE LEE MASSINGILLE

- 1. My name is Ronnie Lee Massingille. I am over the age of 18, am of sound mind, and am competent and capable of making this declaration. I am submitting this Declaration under oath, under the penalty of perjury, pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
- 2. I was born in Phoenix, Arizona and lived here until about the age of 15. At that age, I moved to Mississippi with my family. I moved back to Phoenix in 2009.
- In 2009, the wages I received from my employment were not sufficient to cover my housing costs and I became unsheltered. Since 2009, I have been chronically unhoused.
- 4. Up until a few months ago, I was unsheltered and slept in various parts of Phoenix, including Sereno park, 19th Ave. and Dunlap (and the nearby canal), Eastside Park, 20th Ave. and Indian School, and the Zone.
 - 5. In January, I was provided shelter in a motel, where I currently reside.
- 6. While unsheltered, I experienced many encampment sweeps. During these sweeps, police and other city workers would wake us up very early, around 5:30 a.m. They would give me and the other unsheltered people living in the area only a few minutes to gather our belongings. Any items left behind were dumped into a City truck and destroyed.
- 7. During these sweeps, police and City workers have taken and destroyed many of my personal belongings. Some of the items I have lost in these sweeps include: my Arizona ID, birth certificate, tent, suitcase, clothes, shoes, skateboards, and medications (including insulin for diabetes).
 - 8. Losing personal property because of encampment sweeps can be devastating.
- 9. When you lose your house or place of residence you feel like you've lost everything in this world, like you're less than a person.
- 10. When you end up having to go to a homeless shelter or sleeping on the street, you're at your lowest point. You're trying to lift yourself up, to be better.

- 11. The few belongings you have when you're unhoused are some of the only things that make your life a little better and allow you to move yourself forward.
- 12. It's so degrading to watch the City throw away your belongings and know you have no control. If you try to intervene you will be arrested. It feels like the City is putting their foot on your neck and holding you down so that you can't do better.
 - 13. That's how it felt when the City took my property and threw it away.
- 14. I wanted to fight and scream. The City was taking all that I had, and I had nothing already.
- 15. Even though I'm now in a motel, I still feel afraid that I'll end up back on the street. I've seen 9 or 10 people who received shelter at this motel be thrown out and end up back on the street.
- 16. The conditions at the hotel are not good. There are cockroaches and bedbugs. The food is awful and can't accommodate my health needs as a person with diabetes. I also have a curfew at the motel.
- 17. I was down at the Zone on May 10 and saw City workers sweeping the block on 9th Avenue between Washington and Jefferson.
- I talked to some of the unsheltered people who had been living on that block.
 I would estimate I talked to about seven people.
- 19. They told me they thought they would be able to move back to that block after the City cleaned it. They didn't understand that they wouldn't be able to come back.
- 20. The people I spoke to ended up moving to another block nearby. They told me they weren't offered shelter spaces or to go to a motel.
- 21. They told me that City workers told them that if they came back to the area, they would be arrested.
- 22. I often pass around my card to people who are unsheltered and tell them to contact me if the City is doing sweeps. I have been getting a number of calls about

1	encampment sweeps that have taken place recently in various parts of the City, including:		
2	a. 15 th Avenue		
3	b. On the Canal		
4	c. Indian School right next to the Arco		
5	d. Serrano Park		
6	23. The people living in these areas told me they didn't get any advanced notice		
7	that the City was going to be cleaning the area or displacing them.		
8	24. The sweeps took place at 1 or 2 in the morning. I have a curfew so I couldn't		
9	go down there when I got these calls.		
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11	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America		
12	that the foregoing is true and correct.		
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SWORN DECLARATION OF ERIC ELMORE
 My name is Eric Elmore. I am over the age of 18, am of sound mind, and am

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oath, under the penalty of perjury, pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

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I was down in the Zone observing the sweep between approximately 6:15 AM
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competent and capable of making this declaration. I am submitting this Declaration under

I have personal knowledge of the following facts and if called to testify would

I also took photos of the City's action in the Zone on that day, which have

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6. During the sweep, I observed city workers collect property and belongings of unsheltered individuals and destroy them.

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7. The property I saw destroyed included tents, blankets, tarps, and bedding materials.

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 I saw the City use excavators and a dump truck to load up and destroy property.

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 I did not see the City tag or mark any items while I was down in the Zone observing.

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10. I did observe city workers speaking with unsheltered individuals.

22 23 I also spoke with unsheltered individuals who were displaced by the City's May 10 sweep.

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12. I know unsheltered individuals were offered shelter at St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix. I overheard a city employee say that no hotel rooms were currently available for unsheltered individuals.

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- 13. During the May 10 Sweep, unsheltered individuals were not allowed to bring all of their property with them when they were displaced. I overheard an employee with Community Bridges, Inc. ("CBI") say that unsheltered individuals were only allowed to bring two trash bags worth of personal belongings with them.
- 14. I observed some personal belongings being loaded into green city trash/recycle bins and loaded onto city truck beds and a city trailer. Any items not loaded into these bins were subsequently destroyed.
- 15. I do not know if the unsheltered individuals offered shelter by the City actually received shelter.
- 16. I did not see or hear the City provide any information to unsheltered individuals about where they could locate and pick up confiscated property.
- 17. In my opinion, the City's sweep was coercive. Unsheltered individuals believed they would be arrested or cited if they did not comply with the City's commands. An orchestrated media presence coupled with large cleanup teams descending on a small city block to force people does not constitute consent to accept shelter. It is forced removal.
- 18. One visibly upset unsheltered woman on the east side of 9th Ave was forced to give up her dog in order to obtain shelter. It is my opinion she was coerced into this decision by city workers, who surrounded her for an extended period of time until she relented.
- 19. Numerous unsheltered individuals had to leave behind possessions in order to obtain temporary shelter.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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SWORN DECLARATION OF ERIC DANIEL BRICKLEY

- 1. My name is Eric Daniel Brickley. I am over the age of 18, am of sound mind, and am competent and capable of making this declaration. I am submitting this Declaration under oath, under the penalty of perjury, pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and if called to testify would competently do so.
- 3. I observed the sweep of unsheltered individuals that occurred on May 10 in the Zone at 9th Avenue between Washington and Jefferson.
- I was down in the Zone observing the sweep between approximately 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM.
- 5. During the sweep, I observed city workers collect property and belongings of unsheltered individuals and destroy them.
- 6. Specifically, I observed city workers dismantle an unattended tent structure and destroy it, including all the items inside.
 - 7. I did not see the City tag any items while I was down in the Zone observing.
 - 8. I did observe city workers speaking with unsheltered individuals.
- I also spoke with unsheltered individuals who were displaced by the City's May 10 sweep.
- 10. During the May 10 Sweep, unsheltered individuals were not allowed to bring all of their property with them when they were displaced. Before the City would provide shelter, they required unsheltered individuals to get rid of all their personal belongings that would not fit into two garbage bins.
- 11. I do not know if the unsheltered individuals offered shelter by the City actually received shelter.
- 12. I did not see the City provide any information to unsheltered individuals about where they could locate and pick up confiscated property.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May ___, 2023. May 14, 2023 Eric Brickley (May 14, 2023 14:19 PDT)
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SWORN DECLARATION OF DOUG MALONEY

- 1. My name is Doug Maloney. I am over the age of 18, am of sound mind, and am competent and capable of making this declaration. I am submitting this Declaration under oath, under the penalty of perjury, pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and if called to testify would competently do so.
- 3. I work on the Human Services Campus (HSC) and am in the area known as the "Zone" most days.
- 4. On May 9, 2023 around 6pm I was present in the Zone at 9th Avenue between Washington and Jefferson.
 - 5. I observed that there were fewer tents than usual on that block.
- 6. While I was there, I talked to some unsheltered people living on that block. Some of them told me that they were having trouble finding shelter in advance of the scheduled May 10 sweep that could accommodate their pets or their health needs.
- 7. Community Bridges Incorporated (CBI) workers and at least one Phoenix Police Department Officer were also present.
- 8. I saw the CBI workers going around and talking to the unsheltered people living on the block.
- 9. I understand from speaking to unsheltered people living in the area that the CBI workers were offering most people spots at a shelter on 28th and Washington. I understand from these conversations that two individuals were offered hotel rooms.
- 10. I also spoke to some of the CBI workers. They told me that unsheltered people living on the block would only be able to bring two bags of belongings to any shelter placement they were offered.
 - 11. The CBI workers told me they were not aware of any storage options.
 - 12. When I spoke to the CBI workers they told me that unsheltered people living

on the block had two choices: they could move elsewhere in the Zone or they would get arrested or cited.

- 13. A few weeks earlier, on April 21 at approximately 8 a.m., I witnessed City workers and security guards interacting with unsheltered people who were living on part of the HSC campus at 9th Avenue and the Railroad tracks.
- 14. When I arrived, it seemed like the City workers and security guards were about to start clearing the encampment. There were about eight unsheltered people living there.
- 15. A City worker named Jeremy seemed to be in charge of the City's sweep of this encampment. I understand that Jeremy works for Scott Hall.
- 16. I saw some of the City workers talking to an unsheltered man who I know named Brian. The City workers were inside Brian's tent talking to him about how he was going to get rid of all his stuff.
 - 17. This is a photo I took of part of Brian's tent:



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- 18. I told the City workers that Brian's truck was almost up-and-running and pointed out that if he could get it going, then he would be able to move his belongings.
- 19. The City workers eventually agreed to give Brian and the other people living n the area a few more days.
 - 20. When I returned to the area on April 25, everything was cleared out.
- 21. I never saw any notices concerning a cleanup of the area where Brian was living near 9th Avenue and the Railroad tracks. I didn't see any notices when I was there on April 21 or on April 25.
- 22. I understand from what I observed that day and from later conversations with Brian that the City workers initially offered Brian a hotel room voucher but later rescinded the offer.
- 23. Sometime after April 21, I saw that Brian had moved from the area at 9th Avenue and the Railroad tracks to 9th Avenue between Washington and Jefferson, where the May 10 sweep took place.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Doug Maloney

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