



NEWSLETTER

ReclaimingOurHomes.org

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No one should be homeless when homes are sitting Empty. Housing is a human right! There are 3 vacant homes for each homeless person in Los Angeles. Some of these vacant properties are even owned by the state. We are taking this housing back for our community.

RECLAIMING OUR HOMES

is a movement with hope for safety, sanity, and sustainability. It has been a bit over 2 1/2 months now that we had begun to reclaim homes here in El Sereno. We were tired of being unhoused and unstable, so we the people were forced to find our own solution and take back these abandoned houses. Reclaimers were not alone, we could not have done this alone. We are thankful to have had a lot of support. In this 2 1/2 months celebration my family and all reclaimers would like to give a big THANK YOU to all that have supported this movement. We may never be able to repay you but we will try to do this by keeping this movement going.

Today once again beautiful struggle continues because we are hopefully to create a better world in which all living beings may have safety, sanity, and sustainability.

Martha Escudero, Reclaimer.



▲ Martha Escudero, left, plants corn in the backyard of her reclaimed home with her daughters Meztli, right, and Victoria. Photograph: Frederic J Brown/AFP via Getty Images

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**That I committed a crime (they say),
against the sacred private property
of the state,**

(our state, our taxes)

On March 14, we seized about 13 empty homes. We should be in jail. Instead, people gave us a lot of gifts, refris, TVs, beds, stoves, washers dryers, lot of food and for my 65th birthday a really nice italian coat and a chess set. People come and stand guard in front of our houses, day and night, to PROTECT us, and our houses. We got national and international press, a big coalition of community organizations, attorneys, legal observers.

We are living a surrealist "Cinderella dream"

Why are we not in jail accompanied by all the massive community support that forms the **Reclaiming Our Homes** movement? What a strange mistery ??

THE SOCIAL CONTRACT:

The most simple and ancient way to understand the law, "You do not rob me, I do not rob you" necessary to live in peace and agreement.

But what happen when the lawmakers broke the law? Lawmakers has the duty to keep a fair balance among employers, employees and landlords, for everybody to live in peace.

Today Corporations pay for the lawmakers political campaigns, lawmakers in return rig the law for the profit of corporations and misery for the people.

THIS CRIME GOT A NAME: BRIBERY !

Even with state "rent control", the rent will increase steady 9% annually but minimum wage will become stuck in \$15/h in 2021 and years to come.

One needs not to be a witch with a doctorate in economy to predict that homelessness will only INCREASE WITH TIME, without a solution on sight.

Lawmakers are the culprits of economic inequality.

When lawmakers betray the people and make the law for sale, the law itself became meaningless.

This is why We The People RISE, this is why we are RECLAIMERS. It is a shame that for each homeless person there are 3 empty houses.

**WE DEMAND
THAT ALL
PUBLIC
PROPERTY OF
STATE, COUNTY
AND CITY
BECOME LOW
INCOME PUBLIC
HOUSING.**

**Tio Benito
Reclaimer:**

**In
Resistance
Hasta
la Victoria
Siempre !**

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Society must understand **tH**at we must protect, defend and fight
 For human beings, **nO**t for material things, Everyone deserves a
 place to live, **withoU**t excluding anyone by nationality,
 color, race, **SexualI**ty, religio**N**, etc. Tin Man "I'll **G**et a heart"
 obviously it is a metaphorical sense, it is not a heart, it is love, it is not a
 brain it is consciousness, **I**t is not courage, it **iS** indignation, they are
 not red shoes it is to be in a home.

That is a Unanimous dream of justice, **A** wish.



But the number of empty **HoU**ses is increasing and it is **M**ore
 difficult to achieve it because they **A**re Not exactly to be inhabited, they
 are an investment resource, the fatte**N**ing pig that **G**enerates more
 profits if it is sold in a few years.

There a**R**e other d**I**sadvantages that are an obstacle to renting a house

- the minimum wa**G**e does is not enoug**H**
- prices are not s**T**able
- go up every year

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