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We can not let this shelter be closed, and we will not let poor people be pushed and priced out of the Downtown East. OCAP has said from the beginning that we will not simply watch the School House be cleared or sit empty while people die on the streets. We have brought our community together to fight for this space, and on November 14th we are not backing down.

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