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## OCCUPY RICHMOND TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY OF R.H. BOONE

December 19, 2011 – Richmond, Virginia

Since November 15th, Occupy Richmond maintained a presence on the front lawn of Richmond Free Press owner Raymond H. Boone, per his invitation. We arrived with the intentions of bringing our grievances to the doorstep of Mayor Jones, and we have succeeded in doing so. The Occupy Richmond General Assembly voted on Sunday, December 18th, that it was time to bring our demonstration to a close and enter into a new phase. On Tuesday, December 20th, at 9:00 AM, Occupy Richmond will vacate Mr. Boone's property.

During our demonstration, we encountered harassment, selective enforcement of the law, and 24-hour police surveillance. Our host, Mr. Boone, was targeted by the City of Richmond and threatened with an unjust and trivial charge for hosting our demonstration. We stood our ground, and will now focus our efforts towards the downtown and urban neighborhoods within Richmond.

Phase two of Occupy Richmond will consist of multiple community service projects and experiments, urban community outreach, large and small scale demonstrations and educational forums. We will be working closely with various other organizations on initiatives in areas of Richmond where city government efforts have failed for decades.

Occupy Richmond consists of hundreds of intelligent, determined and passionate individuals with various backgrounds and ideologies who are no longer complacent with being marginalized by our government. We are eager to bring the kind of change our city needs and deserves. We are not going away, we will not be defeated and we encourage the Mayor and City Council to listen and assist its citizens in social reform instead of silencing them. We are the 99%.

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