



## WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK

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Dear Sisters and Friends,

The San Francisco Police and District Attorney have recently begun a campaign of harassment against street prostitutes (see article enclosed). Using the cover of "morality" and insinuating a connection between "violent crime" and prostitution, they are in fact depriving thousands of women of their only access to money, threatening them with imprisonment and heavy fines. At the same time, the government is leaving untouched the big hotels and other establishments which make a fortune by pimping off prostitutes.

The enclosed statement explains how the attack on prostitutes is an attack on all women. It calls for an end to the harassment of prostitutes and the abolition of all laws against prostitution.

We are asking your organization to support the San Francisco prostitutes against the police attack by endorsing this statement. Prepared by Wages for Housework-San Francisco and the Los Angeles Wages for Housework Committee, this statement has already been endorsed by COYOTE, the San Francisco-based organization of prostitutes, the English Collective of Prostitutes, California's Association for Trollops, and a number of other organizations.

We are circulating the statement in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas, as well as in other parts of North America and Europe. Similar attacks are being made on prostitutes in other parts of the country and internationally, and focusing attention on the San Francisco situation should lend power to women everywhere who are facing the same kind of harassment.

Because of the urgency of the situation, we are asking for quick action on your part. We are aiming to publicly release the statement and the list of endorsing organizations to the Los Angeles and San Francisco press early in the week of January 24.

We are planning to continue collecting endorsements after the week of January 24, however, and will reissue the statement at a later date, listing all endorsing organizations. Therefore, even if you cannot get your endorsement to us by January 24, do not hesitate to submit it to us. Your endorsement can still be an important source of support to the San Francisco women.

We would also appreciate your sending us the names and addresses of groups you feel should be contacted. The statement and cover letter are also available in Spanish.

If you would like more information or copies of the statement to distribute to other groups for their endorsement or information, or to post in various places, do contact us. In the Los Angeles area, call (213) 680-1767 (leave message if I am not at home). Or write to the Los Angeles Wages for Housework Committee, P.O. Box 26325, Los Angeles, California, 90026.

Please try to contact us as soon as possible. Because of the intensity of the repression against the San Francisco prostitutes, we must try to act quickly.

Sincerely yours,

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Wages for Housework Committee

P.S. We are also enclosing supporting statements by Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians--London and Toronto-- and the English Collective of Prostitutes. If you have a publication and do a story using any of the enclosed statements, we hope you will send us a copy.

We are continuing to mobilize support for the S.F. prostitute women and are gathering endorsements internationally. In order to continue this work, we need money. We would greatly appreciate any donation you feel you can make.