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Sunday June 22nd, 2008 12 noon - 6 pm

Franklin Park Playstead (near White Stadium)

STOP



THE VIOLENCE

Come Together | Unify | Organize
Responsibility | Accountability
Men | Women | Youth | Elders

Stop the Violence Save the Babies

CORI Reform | Prison Reform

Employment | Housing | Healthcare

All Faiths | All People | All Hoods
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A CALL TO ACTION

ONE DAY. ONE LOVE. THREE STRIPES

ONE DAY OF
NO KILLING, NO BEEF
ONE DAY OF
BLACK, LATINO
& CAPE VERDEAN AS ONE
ONE DAY OF
NO DRAMA NO DEATH NO ONE

IF YOU ARE:
BLACK; "African-American", African
CAPE VERDEAN - Capo Verde
WEST INDIAN; Jamaican, Haitian,
Trini, Bajun, etc.
LATINO: Puerto Rican, Dominican,
Cuban, etc.

Old, Young, Male, Female,
Unemployed, Professional,
Mother, Father, Grandparent, Teacher
Christian, Muslim, Rasta, Hebrew,
Hip-Hop, Student, Worker, Thug,
Gangsta, Organizer, Crip, Blood,
Nubian, Conscious, Preacher,
Politician and YOU TOO...

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH...
TAKE A STAND

ONE PEOPLE
DO IT FOR THE BABIES...

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The Peoples Pledge The Code Community Contract Call To Action

We agree that no children can be the targets of violence in our community.

We call for an end to all violence against children, molestation, rape, sexual violence, physical abuse, etc.

We agree that we can no longer commit violence against each other. We cannot continue to shoot each other.

Black on Black Crime, Youth Violence, Gang Warfare

Black, Latino and Cape Verdean People killing Black, Latino and Cape Verdean People. We have all lost someone. Enough is Enough. Do it for the babies.



We agree that the Elderly cannot be targets of violence.

We must protect our elderly. Our senior citizens are our Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles

We agree that women cannot be the targets of violence.

We must protect our women against rape, domestic violence and abuse

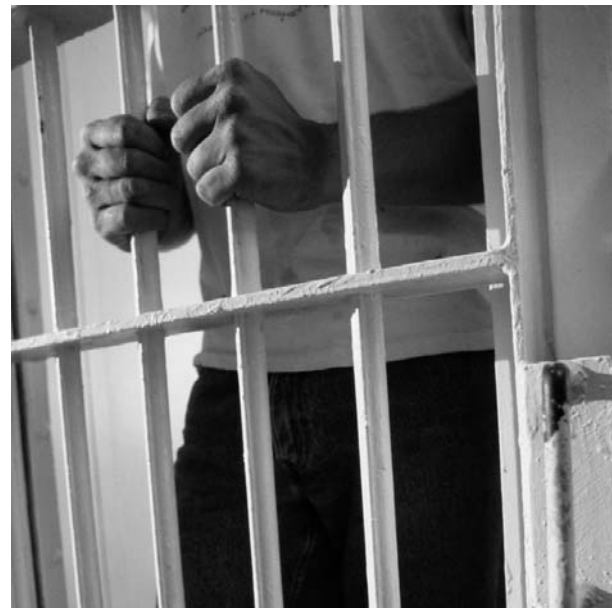


We call on all leadership, clergy, politicians, etc. to be directly accountable and responsible to the PEOPLE.

All leadership must put the people first and not be swayed by Money, Grants, Politics, Religion, Position, the Media, the Mayor, etc. All leadership must immediately drop all special interests and focus on the salvation and safety of our children.

We call for a citywide Truce on all Gang Warfare, Street Beefs and Feuds. End the senseless Violence and acts of aggression towards your own people. We also encourage other Metro Areas Brockton, Lawrence, Lynn, Worcester, Springfield, etc. to call for an immediate end to violence.

We agree that we can no longer allow ourselves to fill up the prisons and courtrooms throughout Massa-Chusetts. If you are involved in illegal activity, strive to get your life straight. Develop an exit plan. We are well aware that the Police and Courtrooms and Jails are more than ready and equipped to make room for us all.



We demand that the Police and other "Law Enforcement" entities live up to their appointed duty to uphold the Laws that protect & serve the PEOPLE.

We demand that the Police, the Courts, Probation, Parole, District Attorney, US Attorney work to bring an immediate end to Racial Profiling, Disparate Sentencing, Framing, Crooked Cops, False Imprisonment, Police Brutality, Police Murder of Black, Latino & Cape Verdean People. **WE DEMAND JUSTICE.**

We demand that the Media present a fair and accurate account of our community and People. We demand an end to sensationalized media and further demand a balanced portrayal of our community to present profiles of our positive alternatives in Academics, Arts and Culture. We demand an end to the use of terms such as "animals" or the labeling of our youth as "thugs" "gangstas" or the

labeling of our communities as "drug zones" or "hot spots" or other code terminology that seeks to deflect the real problems and scare the community.

We demand that local radio stations adopt a "Balance Campaign" and cease and desist on playing and promoting music and personalities that degrade and demean our women, promote violence and the use and sale of drugs and guns.

We call for an end to unsafe zones in our community where there are very public displays of open Prostitution and Drug Use. This unsafe and unhealthy behavior can no longer be tolerated it is not good for our women, children and elders.

We call for a community cleanup of Dudley Station - No more drug addicts, prostitution.

Blue Hill Avenue (from Dudley St. - Brunswick) No More Prostitution.

Grove Hall, Codman Sq., Uphams Corner, Humboldt Ave., Elm Hill

NO MORE ROBBERIES

NO MORE RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE. We are killing ourselves.

We demand that the Boston Public School System, immediately develop new curriculums which educate each of our children equally. We demand that there be implemented new academic standards and practices to promote excellence in our schools. We demand a "Truth-Based" curriculum that is culturally accurate and incorporates a true Black/African History, Latino History, and an updated and true American History. Furthermore a cross the board standard should be developed for high schools in order to prepare our children for higher education. Every child in Boston deserves a Boston Latin quality education.

We call for an immediate end to economic warfare on the community. We demand an end to predatory lending, disparities in business and home loans, malevolent merchants who do bad business in our community. City and State violations (Parking, Street Cleaning, Towing, Snow Plowing, Trash, High Tax rates) which are heaped out on our community without equal city/state services.



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10,000 Strong Boston was conceived as a Call to Action for our Community. Faced with critical issues such as Violence, Drugs, Gangs, Health, Poverty, Unemployment, Housing, etc. we realize that there must be a massive coordinated and unified effort in order to develop & implement solutions. We are in control of Us! Self-Determination and complete control of our own communities is possible. We are **10,000 Strong Boston!!!** If one person can make a difference, what can 10,000 do? Lets find out together on **Sunday June 22nd 2008**. This City is ours! These are our children! It's time for us to take control of ourselves and change the face of Boston. No more of the negative influences which divide and destroy us. We are young & old, men & women, Black, Latino & Cape Verdean... We are **10,000 Strong Boston** and we will make it happen. This is what you have been waiting for... **10,000 STRONG BOSTON**



YOU ARE KILLING US... YOU ARE KILLING YOURSELF
HOMOCIDE = GENOCIDE = SUICIDE
STOP THE VIOLENCE. STOP THE MADNESS
STOP SENSELESS MURDER & DEATH. WE HAVE ALL LOST SOMEONE.



STAND UP

by:
CARLOS A.
HENRIQUEZ

I am a 31 year old life long resident of Roxbury. Because of my parents, especially my father, I have been actively involved in my community since the age of 14. I have been to thousands of meetings. I know hundreds of people across Boston. I even ran for Boston City Council last year because I felt the need to stand up and take a leadership role in the community that raised me and that I love and call home. And I will always stand up for what I believe in.

As a child, I thought of childish things. . .as a man I think differently which in turn causes me to act differently. I have been taught to stand up. I wake up each morning and thank God for blessing me with another day, then I stand up. When I'm on the bus or train and a woman or senior could use a seat, I stand up. If I am met by someone trying to use me, deceive me, or hurt me, I stand up. And for family, friends, community, or right versus wrong, I will stand up.

I attended a meeting where Brother Truesee Allah, a man I respect was speaking as part of a panel. This particular meeting his comments were perfectly aligned with my thoughts and thoughts that I have had at so many meetings before. We often comment, complain, or critique things at meetings. I am not saying there is anything wrong with that, but some issues that we face in our community are far too critical to stop there. Truesee said to the crowd, (and I'm paraphrasing) I do this work daily and am willing to roll my sleeves up and stand side by side with anyone willing to do the same. Anyone not willing to take action should be quiet. At that point I was already standing.

Jim Thompson III of Dorchester made a similar point when the Guardian Angels re-emerged last year. And the point hits home every time. We need to do more.

I invite you to take a stand. There are so many ways you can do so and make a difference. You can clean your street with friends in neighbors in the summer and shovel in the winter. You can show support by volunteering at a community center or organization in your neighborhood. You can strengthen your neighborhood by registering to vote and voting. You

can do this even if you've been convicted of a felony! You can then take the power of that vote and use it to reform the CORI law that prevents many people in our community from finding housing and or good employment. You can be a role model to young men and women in the community by speaking to them when you see them doing something wrong. You can walk for peace. You can donate money to an organization that is doing good work in your community. You can get involved in a local school or sports team. You can write a letter or make a phone call to an elected official to tell them how you feel. You can pass out flyers to your street regarding activities, elections, etc . . .

There are dozens of systems that are working against you each day. How long before we start working against them to make sure the place we call home looks the way we dream of it being? There are hundreds of ways you can take action and play a part in improving our neighborhoods but to do so you will have to stand up for something. Pick an issue that is important to you, your family, or your neighborhood then find an action that suits your strengths and then. . .

STAND UP !

ANOTHER EVENT YOU CAN'T MISS...

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, June 6th &
Saturday, June 7th, 2008

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WHO ARE ABOUT GETTING THINGS DONE

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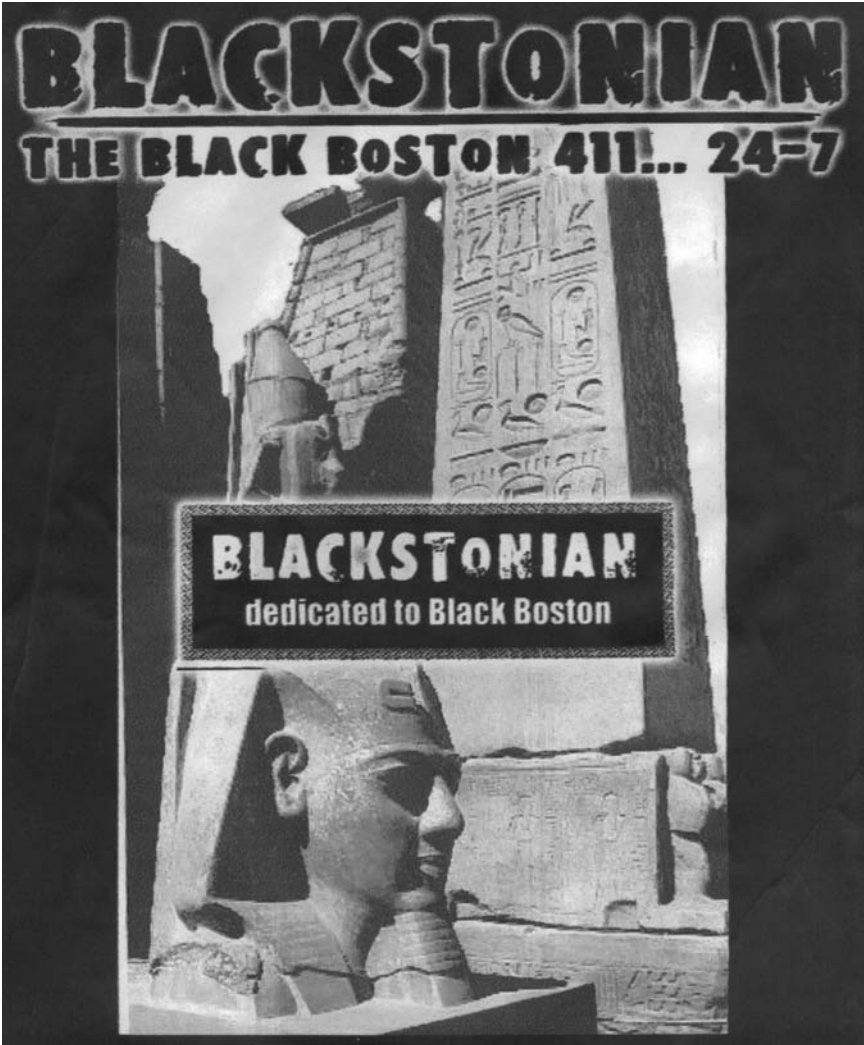
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10,000 Strong Boston Youth Platform



by: JESSE WINFREY

- We demand an immediate stop to the killing. We can lose no more of our peers to street violence!

Black, Latino, Cape Verdean, Caribbean, Asian, we have all lost someone and enough is enough. We cannot continue to kill each other.

-We demand a stop to the flow of guns and drugs into our communities.

-We are tired of being criminalized by the system.

We demand an end to the Safe Homes

Initiative and a stop to Bill 4293. We demand an end to curfews and public loitering crackdowns.

-We demand drastic reforms to the education in Boston. We demand education that is culturally relevant, accurate, adequate, and prepares us for college and economic empowerment.

We demand adequate resources in the schools we attend.

We demand support for undocumented youth wishing to attend higher education.

We demand an end to the unfair MCAS test.

We do not want our schools monitored by the Boston Police controlled Boston School Police.

We demand a stop to the school to prison pipeline.

We do not want military recruiters in our schools and community centers.

We demand more teachers of color.

-We demand access to stable adequate employment.

We demand an end to the unjust CORI laws.

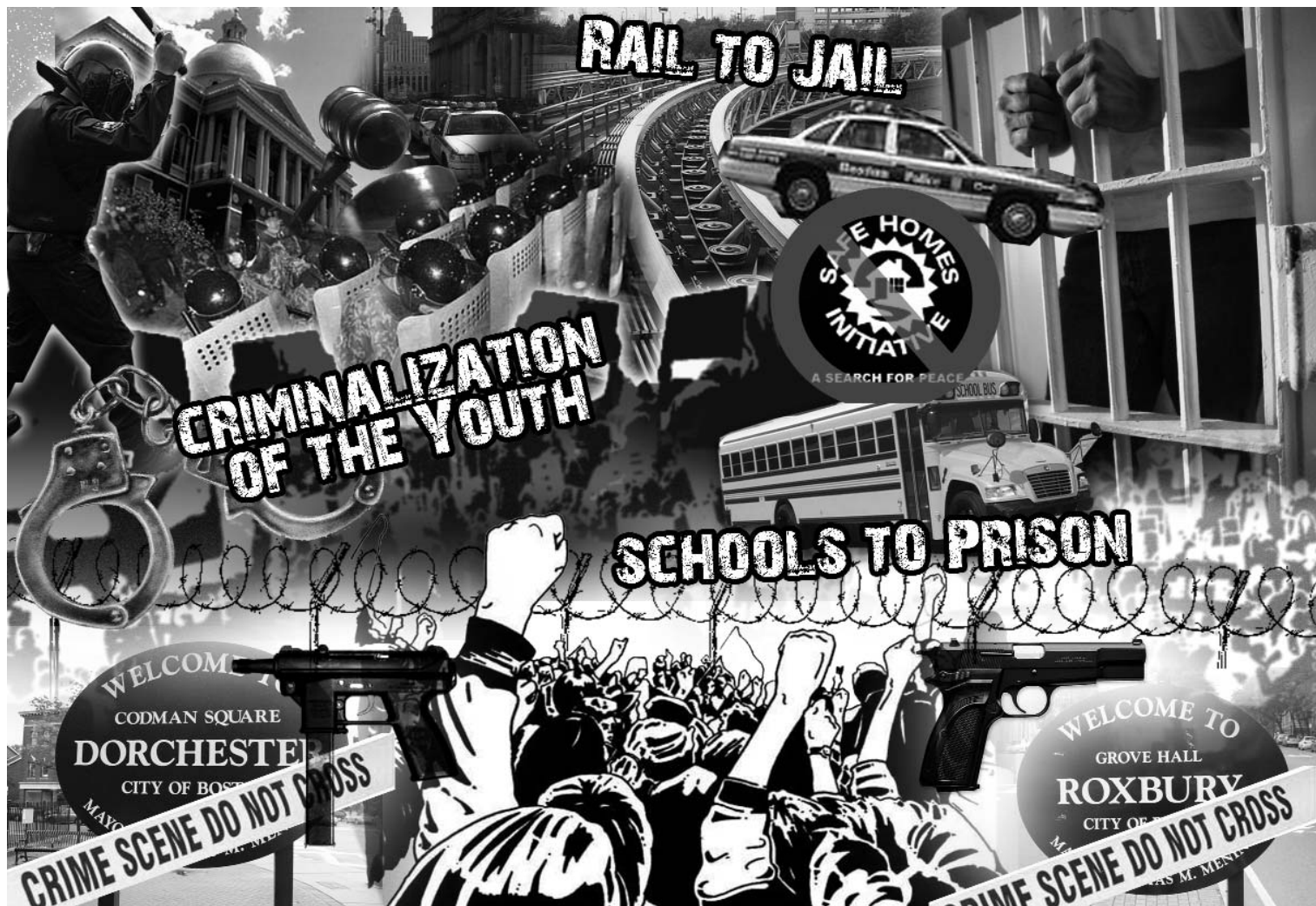
We demand more funding for job opportunities for all youth from all neighborhoods

-We demand an end to police brutality.

We are tired of being automatically targeted by police for harassment.

We demand an end to racial profiling.

We demand an end to unprovoked physical and verbal assault from the Boston Police Department.



DONOVAN WALKER supports 10,000 Strong Boston's commitment to:

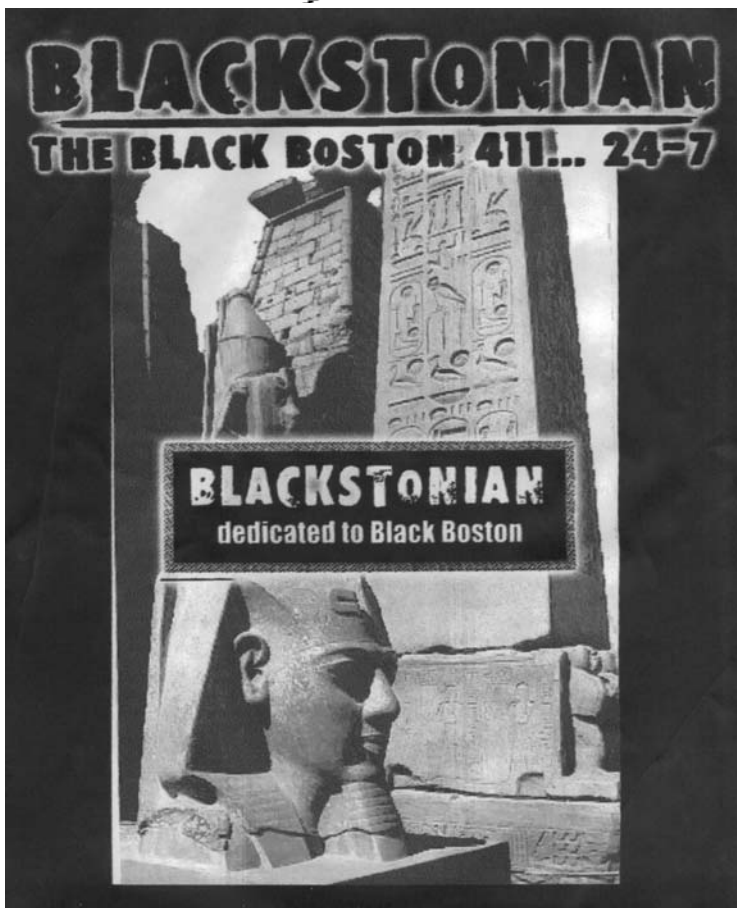
Saving the Babies; They are our Future

Taking Responsibility; Making myself a Better Person, Better Husband, Better Father, Better Human Being

Getting Organized; We must come together to have an impact on Violence in the City of Boston.

It takes a village to raise a child. We are all in the Village

My committment for Summer 2008 is 10,000 Strong Boston



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COMING SOON

**MEDIA
LOCKDOWN**

**FROM THE
INSIDE
OUT**

The Truth Hits
The Streets...

Boston Police Department - Safe Homes Initiative
Boston City Council hearing June 3 at 3:30 PM
come and voice your opinions and concerns.

Draft Resolution for
Boston City Council

WHEREAS: All people have the right to feel and be safe in their homes and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Building relationships of trust between residents and the police is an important building block of effective community policing; and

WHEREAS: Reducing youth gun violence is an important social and law enforcement goal; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Police have announced their "Safe Homes" program of warrantless searches aimed at removing "illegal guns" from homes; and

WHEREAS: The "consent to search" on which the Safe Homes program rests is unlikely to be either truly informed or genuinely voluntary; and

WHEREAS: The program exposes families to potentially serious negative consequences and could deprive young people of productive futures; and

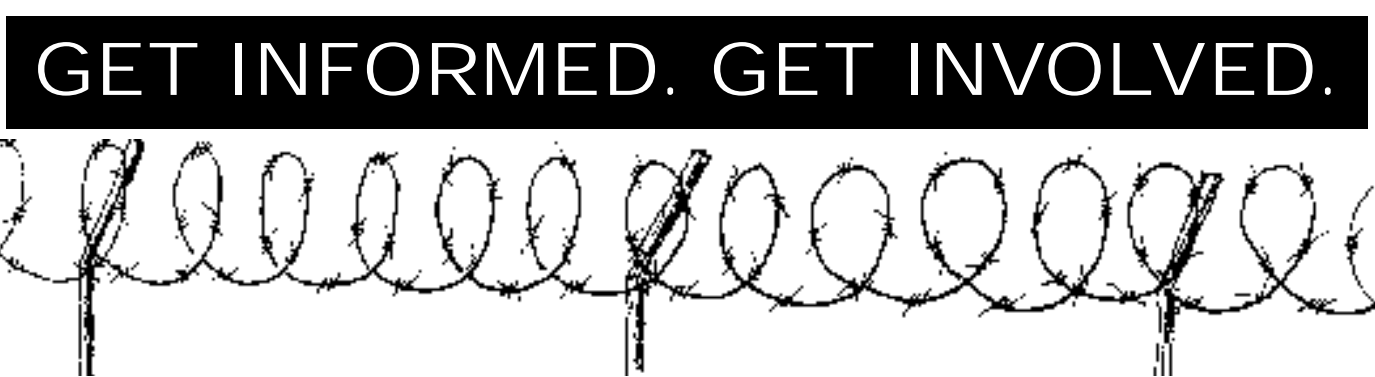
WHEREAS: The program conflicts with the fundamental constitutional right to be free from unreasonable government searches; and

WHEREAS: Evidence from the St. Louis program on which "Safe Homes" is based suggests that without the guarantee of immunity from prosecution the program will be ineffective; and

WHEREAS: The program is likely to be counterproductive in public safety terms, undermining relations of trust between law enforcement and the public; and

WHEREAS: There are other successful ways of getting guns out of homes, such as gun drop off and buy back programs; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council urges the Boston Police Department to either add blanket immunity from prosecution to its "Safe Homes" program or ensure that the "consent to search" is indeed voluntary by making police visits to homes informational only, with parents being asked to call them back if they would like for a search to be conducted.



COME GET YOUR RIGHTS ON!
What You Need to Know about Police Searches

Tuesday, June 3, 6 - 8 PM
FREEDOM HOUSE 14 Crawford Street, Dorchester, MA 02121
A Community Speak-Out

about:

- police warrantless searches of homes (the "Safe Homes" Initiative) • searches on the street •
- what can be done to make communities safe •

This is your opportunity to SPEAK OUT and be heard by your elected officials, and community and church leaders. Attorneys can answer your questions about police searches on the streets and the Boston Police "Safe Homes" Initiative. How can people organize to take control of their communities? Share your ideas & experiences with two national leaders:

Ronald Hampton
Executive Director,
National Black Police Association
who worked for over 24 years as a
Community Police Officer in Washington
DC and has recently led the opposition
to the DC "Safe Homes" Initiative.

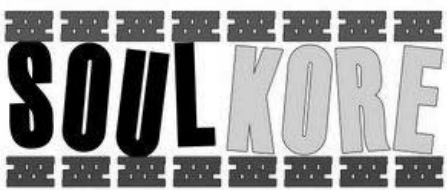
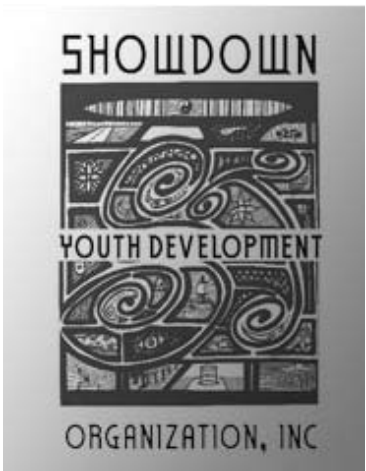


King Downing
National Coordinator,
ACLU's Campaign Against
Racial Profiling who is hip hop
artist, a member of the Free Ya Hood
Coalition and an attorney. He will be
the Emcee of the event.



Know Your Rights! Tell Your Stories!

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