

*A Night To Support the*  *Freedom Fighters*  
**Raise the Roof on the Legal Defense FUNDRAISING GALA**  
*Thursday, December 6 St. Augustine's Church 290 Henry St. NYC*

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On October 21st, 2011, Cornel West and Carl Dix called for a campaign of nonviolent civil disobedience to protest the Stop and Frisk policy--and in response, a diverse and multiethnic cross section of New Yorkers put their bodies on the line to drag this immoral, illegal, and illegitimate policy into the spotlight. In a wave of direct actions spanning precincts in Harlem, Queens and Brooklyn with the highest numbers of Stop and Frisks, there were 83 arrests--igniting a spark plug of nationwide resistance to the policy. The message didn't stop once they were arrested--as they defended the actions we took to "sound the alarm" and put the Stop and Frisk policy on trial in court through mass trials— sending a powerful message to the community and police that this practice can no longer continue, and they are determined to bring an end to it.

Last fall, the New Jim Crow met the New Freedom Fighters.

Now we face a transformed situation, where Stop and Frisk is quickly becoming a major social question in New York City. Mayor Bloomberg and Ray Kelly have dug their heels in and defended it, while mayoral candidates jockey for position to reform or scale back the policy. Cop watch videos and documentaries on Stop and Frisk are going viral on youtube, and thousands of people across the country are waking up to see the horror of mass incarceration and the tens of millions of lives it impacts. The actions taken by the Freedom Fighters, and the wave of resistance it has engendered, have created an atmosphere where the Stop-and-Frisk policy, mass incarceration, and all the horrors it inflicts are becoming widely known--and challenged--in mainstream society.

Come celebrate with the Stop and Frisk Freedom Fighters on December 6th! Help raise serious funds for their legal defense, which is \$10,000 and counting. There are six more trials in Brooklyn and Queens, as well as a number of upcoming trials featuring Stop Mass Incarceration activists, Noche Diaz, Christina Gonzalez and Matthew Swaye. Lets come together to celebrate those who have been on the front lines fomenting resistance to Stop and Frisk and the criminalization of Black and Latino youth.

Most importantly, come and join in the fight to put an end to the horror of stop and Frisk and the New Jim Crow-- because this is *your* fight, and you're a Freedom Fighter, too!

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