

Drop the Charges on the Stop & Frisk Protesters! Immediately END Stop & Frisk!

WHEREAS the New York Police Department is on track to stop more than 730,000 people in 2012, more than 2,000 people each day; and whereas more than 85% of them are Black or Latino, and more than 90% of them were doing nothing wrong when the police stopped them; and,

WHEREAS academic researchers have shown how racist the policy is; civil libertarians have won standing in federal court to sue Mayor Bloomberg, Police Commissioner Kelly, and the NYPD, challenging the constitutionality of 'Stop & Frisk;,' religious leaders, politicians, and cultural figures are speaking out against stopping people with no reasonable suspicion and subjecting them to search; and,

WHEREAS a campaign of non-violent civil disobedience to STOP 'Stop and Frisk' began in October 2011 at NYPD precincts in Harlem, Brownville and Jamaica, and in in these protests police arrested 83 people, including people who have experienced 'Stop & Frisk', ministers, professors, community leaders, students and Occupy Wall Street supporters who put their bodies on the line to demand an end to Stop and Frisk; and,

WHEREAS these new Freedom Fighters face trial on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Obstruction of Governmental Administration, and whereas "Noche" Diaz, a young revolutionary, is one of these Freedom Fighters and a member of the People's Neighborhood Patrol of Harlem, whose purpose is to prevent law enforcement from violating the peoples' rights and brutalizing them under the color of authority, and whereas Noche has been arrested 5 times and faces 11 charges, as police target him; and whereas prosecutors are attempting to combine into one trial charges from the 'Stop & Frisk' protest in October 2011, and an arrest in March 2012, when they arrested Noche during a youth protest around Trayvon Martin; and whereas this would be prejudicial to Noche's chances for a fair trial; and whereas he also faces charges in the Bronx where he witnessed a police attack on a Black motorist; and,

WHEREAS Noche and the other new Freedom Fighters are facing jail time, when they should be commended for their actions, not prosecuted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

We call on the District Attorneys of Queens and Kings (Brooklyn) Counties to drop prosecution of those arrested protesting 'Stop and Frisk' on November 1, 2011 at the 73th Precinct in Brownsville Brooklyn, and November 19, 2011 at the 103th Precinct in Jamaica Queens.

We call on the District Attorneys of New York (Manhattan) and Bronx Counties to drop the prejudicial prosecutions of "Noche" Diaz.

Further Resolved: We call for an immediate end to NYPD's 'Stop and Frisk' policy.

Signed by Individual: _____ Date _____

Organizations: We endorse this resolution We will circulate We want to be involved and assist with this effort!

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