

Hostos January 11 Grand Jury Resistance Campaign

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FAMILIES, FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS OF SUBPOENAED PUERTO RICANS TO CALL ON FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO STOP THE REPRESSION

On Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 11 am on the steps of City Hall, Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, State Senator Jose Rivera, National Lawyers Guild Chairperson Bob Boyle, and Father Luis Barrios, will join other elected officials, community leaders, friends, family and supporters of three Puerto Ricans subpoenaed by a Federal Grand Jury to demand an end to the repression against them and all Puerto Ricans. They will also call on all New Yorkers concerned about civil and human rights to join them at a rally in front of the Brooklyn Federal Court at 9:30 am on Friday, January 11, 2008.

The press conference will coincide with similar acts and rallies in San Juan and Vieques in Puerto Rico, Philadelphia, PA, Orlando, FL, Chicago IL, Cleveland OH, Los Angeles, CA and Fitchburg, MA among several cities in the United States. Christopher Torres, Tania Frontera and Julio Antonio Pabon, Jr. have been ordered to appear before the Grand Jury at the Brooklyn Federal Court on January 11, 2008.

Puerto Rican activists in New York and Puerto Rico maintain that the subpoenas are part of a larger, systematic campaign to repress the independence movement in Puerto Rico and instill fear and discord among its allies and supporters. It's the latest chapter of a long history of repression waged against Puerto Rican activists.

WHAT: Elected officials, community leaders, family and friends and supporters of subpoenaed Puerto Ricans demand an end to the repression

**WHEN: Thursday, January 10, 2008
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WHERE: Steps of City Hall

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