



Stop LAPD Spying Coalition

Hello,

The Stop LAPD Spying Coalition is asking for your endorsement of a community protest, rally, and demonstration at the Joint Regional Intelligence Center or “Fusion Center” on Thursday, April 10th 2014. This will be a national day of action including with Boston, Charlotte, Los Angeles, and the Bay Area holding demonstrations against Fusion Centers. The Stop LAPD Spying Coalition was formed in the summer of 2011 to inform and educate communities on the dire impact of LAPD Suspicious Activity Reporting. We demand that the Fusion Center be shut down and defunded, and that all Suspicious Activity Report (SAR)/ Secret files be released. SARs are files documenting investigations begun by local law enforcement on individuals who are deemed to be suspicious. “Suspicious Activity” under this law criminalizes everyday behavior such as taking photographs, videotaping, or drawing pictures or sketches in public. These files are not obtainable through public records act or freedom of information act nor do they require law enforcement to inform the party a secret investigation has begun. These policies are used to racially profile, target youth and people of color, contribute to the surveillance and police state, target social justice organizers, and funnel people and resources into the prison industrial complex. SARs violate every person’s human right to privacy.

Our campaign to Rescind Special Order 1 and terminate the iWATCH *See Something, Say Something* Program focuses on local Fusion Centers because these spy centers collect the SARs and upload them into databases known as the Information Sharing Environment (ISE). Once uploaded, they’re made available to every local, state, and federal agency, private contractors, and even foreign governments. There are approximately 80 fusion centers in the United States, using billions of dollars of public funds at the local and federal level.

Besides the violations of our privacy and human rights, the national SAR programs is ineffective at what it seeks to accomplish. In October of 2012, a US Senate Subcommittee on Investigations exercising oversight of Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs released a highly critical report on Fusion Centers. The subcommittee investigation found that Fusion centers intelligence reporting is often:

- Flawed, irrelevant or useless, and had nothing of value.
- Inappropriate or unrelated to terrorism;
- Could have violated privacy act protections;
- Often outdated, duplicative and uninformative;
- Lacks adequate financial oversight;
- Fails to hold officials accountable who reportedly violated guidelines.”
- Up to \$1.4 Billion has been spent by the Federal government on fusion centers.

ACT NOW! Endorse, Support, and Join the Stop LAPD Coalition as we create a grassroots movement to challenge the surveillance, collection, and sharing of our personal and collective information. Please show your support by:

- Attending the demonstration on April 10th at 11:00 AM in Norwalk, CA- 12440 E. Imperial Hwy
- Advertise this action on Facebook, Twitter, Email Listserv, and post Flyers in your office
- Help us reach out to other community-based organizations to endorse and attend
- Invite us to facilitate a workshop on this issue at your meetings or events
- Donate to the Coalition's effort we need - printing, bus, food, props
- Contact Hamid Khan to add your Endorsement! stoplapdspying@gmail.com or (424) 209-7450

Will We Sleep?! or Will We Fight?!

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