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- **Community leaders to announce organizing launch for the October Month of Resistance to Mass Incarceration, Police Terror, and the Criminalization of a Generation.**

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 1:00 PM
What: Press Conference, Photo Op
Location: One Police Plaza, in front of NYPD Headquarters

In front of the headquarters of the notoriously violent NYPD at One Police Plaza, Iris Baez, Carl Dix, Cecily McMillan and others will announce Saturday's launch meeting for the October Month of Resistance to Mass Incarceration, Police Terror, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation. They will denounce the New Jim Crow of Mass Incarceration, the [modern day lynching of Eric Garner](#) at the hands of the NYPD, and the ongoing brutality directed at prisoners at Rikers Island.

Hundreds have already endorsed [the Call](#) to come together this fall under the banner of Stop Mass Incarceration, including Dr. Cornel West, Dr. Noam Chomsky, Michelle Alexander -- the author of *The New Jim Crow*, Cephus "Uncle Bobby" Johnson -- uncle of Oscar Grant, whose death by BART cops made widely known through the movie "Fruitvale Station," Professor Colin Dayan of Vanderbilt University, and more -- demanding the unequivocal rejection of the mass incarceration of 2.3 million people in a country that has 5% of the world's population but 25% of the world's prisoners.

This Saturday activists will launch the campaign to make October a rallying point for escalating political resistance that will mark the beginning of the end of mass incarceration in the U.S. There will be unstoppable marches nationwide on October 22, the National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation. Throughout October there will be panels and forums on campuses and in neighborhoods, major concerts and artistic expression, ferment in faith communities, and more -- all aimed at turning the tide to STOP Mass Incarceration. In October 2014 thousands and thousands will stand up and speak out to rally the people against the criminalization of our lives. In the words of the late Eric Garner, "It stops today!"

Speakers include:

- [Iris Baez](#), mother of [Anthony Baez](#), choked to death by NYPD officer Francis Livoti in 1994.
- [Carl Dix](#), Revolutionary Communist Party, who with Dr. Cornel West is co-founder of the Stop Mass Incarceration Network and [co-initiator of the Month of Resistance](#) to Mass Incarceration.
- [Cecily McMillian](#), Occupy Wall Street activist who was recently released from Rikers Island after two months behind bars after being sexually assaulted by an NYPD officer.
- [Rev. Stephen A. Phelps](#), former Interim Senior Minister, The Riverside Church*

***For identification purposes only.**

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