

Did you know that the NYPD has admitted to interfering in the civil liberties of all individuals and organizations engaged in 1st Amendment Activity?

And NO ONE is Held Accountable? And they want to continue open ended investigations on the flimsiest of not evidence, but assertions by undercover and sometimes paid informants?

YOU can comment on the proposed Handschu settlement! We can stop NYPD Spying!



Stop NYPD Spying opposes the proposed settlement. It is not set in stone, we can influence it. Visit twitter @stopnypdspying. **Contact:** thedefenders@stopnypdspying.org **with your questions or suggestions.**

PUBLIC HEARING ALL CAN ATTEND: April 19 2016 10 AM

500 Pearl Street Judge Charles S. Haight

SEND COMMENT BY APRIL 5th VIA EMAIL to handschusettlement@gmail.com

DEMANDS:

Extend the comment time and geographic notice.

Punish NYPD that have violated 1st Amendment.

The NYPD says that “(the proposed settlement) does not explicitly prohibit any methods that are currently allowed” and nothing might change if the settlement were enacted as proposed.

The civilian rep is explicitly empowered to approach the federal judge for intervention only when it is evident the NYPD is violating the agreement as a matter of policy. When do the police admit being wrong?

The plaintiff class would also be left ignorant about violations of the settlement short of revelations of an NYPD policy to violate the settlement. The fox is watching the henhouse.

There should be an equal number of civilian and police department members of the committee, including a sitting member from the Public Advocates office, the Speaker’s office and the Comptroller’s office.

Mandatory attendance of top NYPD officials at monthly meetings at which the civilian lawyer appointed by the Mayor can ask questions regarding proposed openings of investigations should be required, rather than optional, as allowed in the proposed settlement.

There is so much more! Read the actual settlement and see if you think this is the best our strong and vibrant movement can do.

First we need to get out the word about the opportunity to transform COINTELPRO style policing by the NYPD and set a model against spying, infiltration and disruption that the government has used against social movements for decades. From the Civil Rights movement of the 1960’s to the environmentalists, to Occupy Wall Street and #blacklivesmatter all of us are impacted by spying. This year we can protect our 1st Amendment rights.