

“THIS STOPS TODAY!” WE CAN’T BREATHE

MASS MARCH AND PROTEST DEMONSTRATION FOR CIVILIAN CONTROL OF THE CHICAGO POLICE

WHEN: 12 NOON, SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2015

WHERE: FEDERAL PLAZA AT DEARBORN & ADAMS, CHICAGO

In alliance with community based organizations and victims of police crimes and torture the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression calls upon all our sisters and brothers and all strands of the people’s movement to join us in a mass protest and march on the Federal Building and City Hall this August 29, 2015. Join us in commemorating the 50th anniversaries of the March on Selma, the Voting Rights Act and the Watts Rebellion. And on this day we will stand in solidarity with Fergusons everywhere. The march will kick off at 12 Noon from the Federal Plaza, at Dearborn and Adams, in the Loop.

We issue this Call at a time when we face a national epidemic of police crimes. This has provoked an unprecedented wave of mass protests, both spontaneous and organized, led by a new generation of African American youth. They have learned to see clearly through the mental fog created by white supremacy and oppression; and they have valiantly taken up the fight to end injustices perpetrated every day, by police departments that are governed, by a policy and practice that criminalizes Black and Latino people. This policy sets up police officers as judge, jury and executioner.

The cry for justice captured in the expression “Black Lives Matter” addresses the racist cutting edge of police crimes We issue this call at a most urgent and critical time of defiance, rebellion and the jubilation that comes when the oppressed take the helm of struggle, but also at a time when we need to heighten the demand for an all-elected, all-Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC). In Chicago and the nation there is virtually a daily count of African Americans being murdered. We want criminals in blue prosecuted the same as anyone else but we also need to address policies that allow these criminals to murder and torture people with impunity. That is why we are demanding that our City Council enact our proposed ordinance creating an elected Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC). This is not just remedial legislation. This is about empowering the people to hold the police accountable. This is about oppressed communities deciding and controlling how they are policed.

Finally, we are calling upon the entire people throughout the length and breadth of our country and the world to join us in taking this giant step in our historic fight for community control of the police. “I CAN’T BREATHE!”, the dying words of Eric Garner, have been immortalized in the current phase of our struggle. Now it is time to inscribe on our banners going into the march of August 29, 2015 something else Eric Garner said, and that is: “THIS STOPS TODAY!”

WE ASK YOU AND/OR YOUR ORGANIZATION TO ENDORSE THIS CALL. SIMPLY GET BACK TO US ASAP WITH A “YES.” ALL ENDORSEMENTS WILL BE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED. EMAIL: FCHAPMAN@NAARPR.ORG OR CALL OUR OFFICE: (312) 939-2750.