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Data Justice Project: Join Us! Monday April 4th at 6:00 PM at LA CAN 838 E. 6th Street in Downtown LA x-street Gladys. [Facebook Event Page](#)

Coordinating Team Meeting: Join Us! Monday April 11th at 6:00 PM at LA CAN 838 E. 6th Street in Downtown LA x-street Gladys

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition General Meeting: Join Us! Tuesday, April 19th at 6:00 PM for the Coalition's Monthly General Meeting! Location TBA

Data Justice Project

The Stop LAPD Spying Coalition is excited to launch a monthly community meeting to learn about and get involved in our Data Justice Project. Building on our continued fight against surveillance, control, and an ever evolving police state, we invite folks to join us as we dig deeper at understanding the policing of our bodies and lives across systems - public benefits, schools, criminalization of poverty, and technologies and tools of oppression including predictive algorithms. We will explore the role of data across our realities. How is our data being collected, shared, stored, and used? There is a role for everyone in building a strong culture of resistance and dismantling the police state.

Come through on Monday April 4th at 6 PM at LA CAN at 838 6th St., LA 9002

LA City HRC Public Hearing on SAR - Next Steps

The public hearing on the LAPD Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) program by the LA City Human Relations Commission was one step toward the coalition's goal of dismantling the SAR program. We need to keep building the momentum and keep the pressure on agencies such as Human Relations Commission to take effective measures. While HRC has committed to publish a detailed report of their findings, we need to stay thoroughly engaged. Here are some important immediate next steps. Please pass the word and we look forward to your active participation:

1. Join us on Wednesday April 13th as we go back to the Human Relation Commission monthly meeting at City Hall. Meet outside the City Hall at 11:30 at 200 N. Main Street, LA 90012
2. [Sign this Petition](#) and share it widely.
3. [Watch this Video](#) and submit a 1 minute testimony to HRC. Please send your testimony either in video or written format to stoplapdspying@gmail.com

Predictive Algorithms Part I: Predictive Policing

On Monday March 28th the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition hosted its first teach-in on Predictive Algorithms and Predictive Policing. This is a first in a series that will explore the growing encroachment of predictive algorithms into our everyday lives from policing to social services. [Predictive Policing's](#) background is tied to the [US military's](#) counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency tactics, with data driven warfare and occupation now equivalent to data driven policing. Simply put predictive policing takes historic crime data and inputs it into an algorithm that computes hotspots of where crime may be committed.

As the teach-in moved through a series of exercises and a powerpoint presentation, the focus centered around "historical crime data." The question posed - "Is historical crime data unbiased?" An at-length conversation ensued around the myth that predictive policing is an unbiased tactic because it excludes socio-demographic data using only historical crime data to make predictions. It was clear in the discussion that historical crime data is biased due to structural racism inherent in the policing model. The over policing and the biased prosecution of people of color especially the Black community is undeniable therefore historic crime data will reflect this reality. The community remarked that it is a method of control and infiltration that over-saturates communities with police. This oversaturation of police leads to more arrest which feeds the predictive algorithm and again leads to more police in the same communities.

We say no to predictive policing! We say no to the harassment and criminalization of our communities. Please stay tuned for our next session on [Predictive Sentencing](#).

Get Informed!

Following are some of community based outreach and education materials released by the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition since 2012. Let's stay informed and substantive as we build to dismantle the Police State. Please share widely.

- [People's Audit on Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) Initiative](#)- An analysis of LAPD SAR program and the Information Sharing Environment (ISE).
- [Securing Impunity](#)- A report written on the surveillance, militarization and extensive information gathering in LA during the first week of protest against Darren Wilson's non-indictment.
- [Coalition Analysis of ACLU Report](#)- A critical analysis of a report written by ACLU entitled "Making Smart Decision about Surveillance" that includes a draft model ordinance.
- [Body Camera Fact Sheet](#)- Body Cameras have not helped enforce accountability.
- [Body-Worn Cameras: An Empty Reform to Expand the Surveillance](#)- A report that examines how police body worn cameras are an empty reform that will expand the surveillance state.
- [Watch the Watchers "They Lie"](#)- A short video that details the deployment of surveillance equipment and infiltration during the May Day march on May 1, 2015.
- [The Drone Report](#)- Examines the rise of drones and the dangers and impact of their expansion into tactical operations of domestic law enforcement.

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