

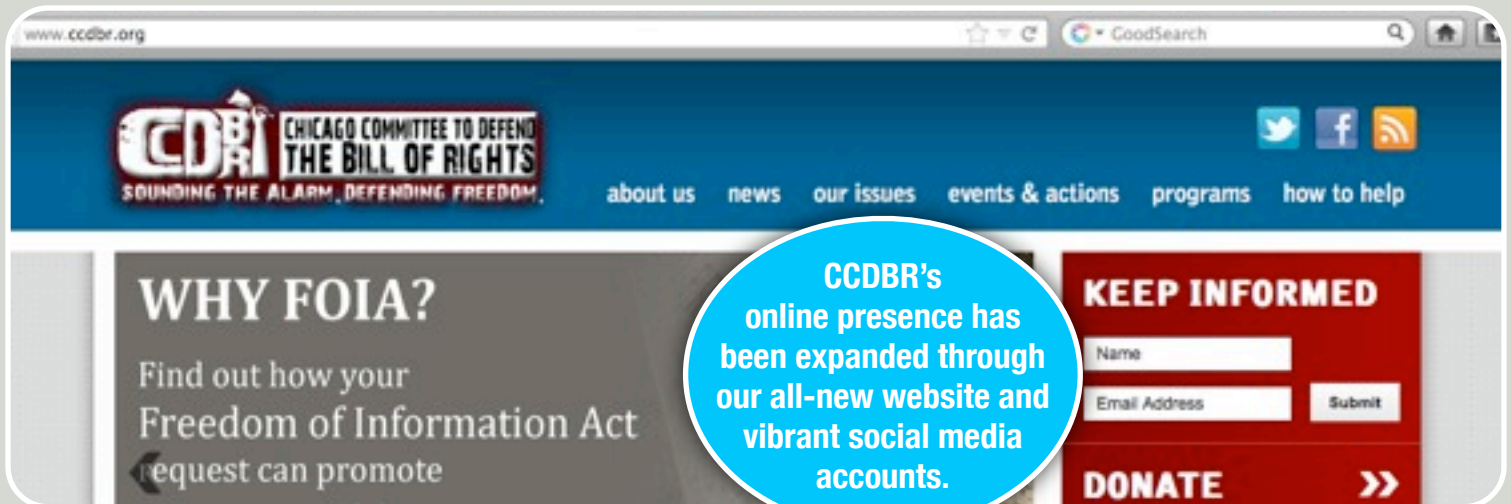
# CCDBR

**Sounding the Alarm.  
Defending Freedom.**

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**BOTH CCDBR AND THE CIVIL-LIBERTIES CHALLENGES WE FACE HAVE GROWN SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER. From the national level, including codification of indefinite detention, growing government secrecy, and even presidential "kill orders" directed at U.S. citizens, to the Rahm Emanuel package of repressive measures against free assembly approved by the City Council of Chicago, the steady increase of surveillance and suppression of rights represents a huge workload for us.**

**CCDBR is mobilizing its resources and seeking your help to do more in this ongoing struggle.**

We are very proud to inform you that we have added 2 young staff members and 6 board members, all with impressive backgrounds, energy, and determination, to continue our half-century tradition of standing up for constitutional rights. You can read more about them (and other topics covered here) on our new web site.

With the help of a generous grant from the Crossroads Fund (secured by efforts of our board member, Kali Cohn), we have modernized and

expanded our web site, located at [www.ccdbr.org](http://www.ccdbr.org). The site has rapidly become a clearing house for civil-liberties news and links. Please check the site and let us know your opinion and suggestions for improvements.

We also welcome you to join our new online mailing list. Signing up for easy. Visit our website and enter your name and email under the Keep Informed space on the right side of the page. Confirm your subscription through the link we will provide to your email. You will start receiving our updates soon after! Also, be sure to follow us on FaceBook and Twitter.



### **Our New Logo!**

As part of our renewed efforts, our logo went through a redesign. This new logo was created utilizing a design present on vintage CCDBR paraphernalia.

# TWO NEW STAFF JOIN CCDBR OFFICE



**Executive Director and  
Communications  
Associate bring new life  
to CCDBR office**

**Andrew Bashi (top) and  
Alcia Williams (bottom)  
have been managing  
the day-to-day  
operations of CCDBR.  
Ensure we keep the  
best and brightest by  
contributing to CCDBR  
today!**

## Programs Utilize Innovative Means to Connect to Youth and Targeted Communities

### ACTING FREE:

CCDBR/BORF is moving into the fifth year of our unique "Acting Free" project, now in conjunction with Raven Theater. In this program Senn high-school students write their own plays relating to Bill of Rights issues and then perform them to large audiences. After last year's performance at Senn, one participant expressed exactly what we hoped: that he had never before thought or known about the Bill of Rights but now has a consciousness of his and others' rights and a determination to defend them! We'll inform you on our new web site of date and place for the students' performance this Spring. With support from donors to BORF, we could expand this program to other classes and other schools.

### BARBERSHOP KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

CCDBR recently launched street know your rights program. Together with local allies, we go to barbershops in the city and do mini know your rights informationals each week in areas heavily affected by police abuse.



### "FIGHT 4 YOUR RIGHT 2..." NEW YEARS CONCERT AND MIX-TAPE

Hundreds of activists, artists, and hip-hop lovers will come together as they ring in the New Year in style and for a cause at the historic Rap Factory, Chicago's Mecca of hip-hop located in the heart of Logan Square. Live entertainment will be provided by a growing list of Chicago's up and coming revolutionary Hip-Hop artists including: FM Supreme, Valentino Drummer Boy, E Jilla, Ghost Carter, and Emcee Preach. Tickets can be purchased at [www.fight4yourright2.com](http://www.fight4yourright2.com).



Programs such as Acting Free (pictured) and Barbershop Know Your Rights utilize innovative means to connect to the next generation of civil liberties activists and to educate young people about their rights.

## Creating Change Through Cooperation; CCDBR Participates in and Creates Coalitions

### "CHICAGO: BUILDING THE COALITION OF OUR DREAMS":

- Focused on the immense potential a space dedicated to cultivating long-term relationships and collaboration would hold, the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) has invited George Friday of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BORDC) to facilitate a series of meetings with organizations and community members in Chicago. With her help, we aim for each group to better understand what others are working on and, in the end, to achieve a greater degree of collaboration among groups with closely aligned interests.

### CCDBR has been actively involved in several coalitions that relate to our mission:

- The Illinois Coalition Against Torture (ICAT), which successfully encouraged Alderman Joe Moore to introduce the resolution unanimously passed in January

proclaiming Chicago a "torture-free" city and specifically condemning prolonged solitary confinement as a form of torture. Chicago becomes the first city in the United States to make such a moral statement.

- The Chicago Coalition for Police Accountability (CCPA) is very active and worked with other local groups to plan for defense of protesters that came to the NATO summit meetings (see next item).

- "CANG8," planned protests and defended First Amendment rights during the NATO meetings in Chicago, where a massive militarized police operation constituted an enormous threat to rights of assembly and protest.

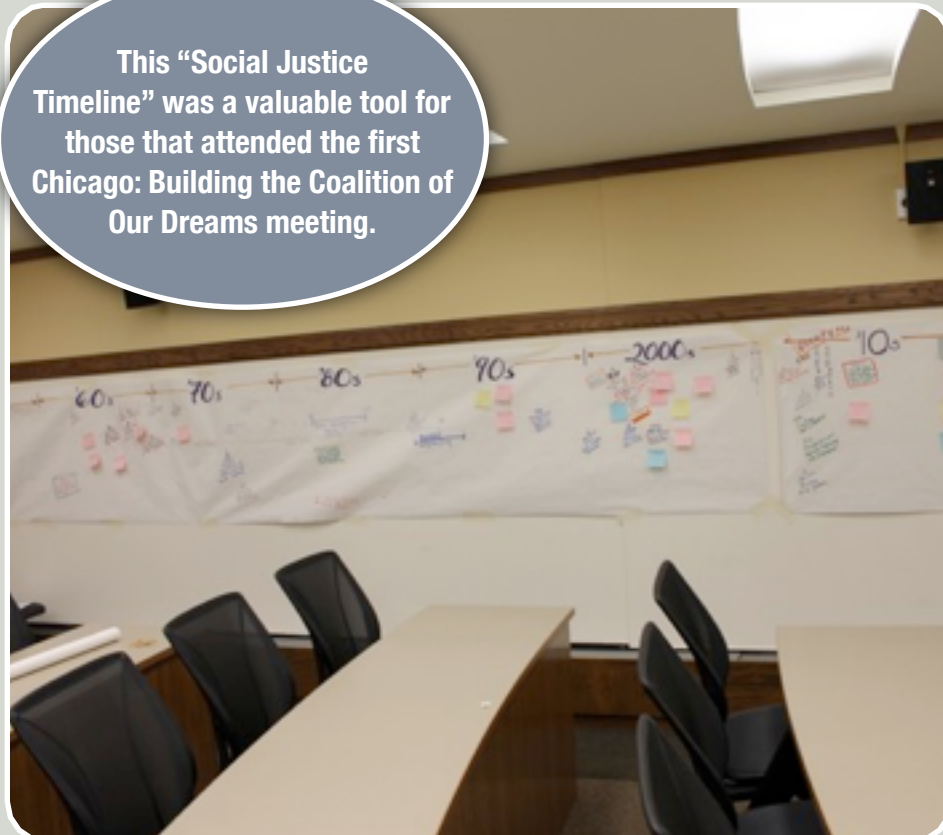
- CAPR, the Committee Against Political Repression, formed to defend Chicago and other targets of FBI raids and seizures of records that seem to be leading to grand jury indictments on charges of "material support of terrorism," the new version of McCarthyism and guilt by association.

- NATO 5 Working Group has been working to increase visibility of the NATO 5 cases and to provide support to the victims.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS LEAD CCDBR



**Kali Cohn (top), Jevon Gammon (middle), and Amanda Graham (bottom) are three of CCDBR's newest board members. Not pictured are Alicia Robinson and two board members who have taken leave to fulfill staff positions (profiled on page 2).**



This "Social Justice Timeline" was a valuable tool for those that attended the first Chicago: Building the Coalition of Our Dreams meeting.

# BECOME A CCDBR SUSTAINER

**We are connecting to a new generation of civil liberties activists, but no one said it was easy... or cheap. We need your help now more than ever.**



**Monetary contributions, newer electronic equipment, volunteers... we use it all!**

At the moment our most critical need is monetary contributions as several donors have provided us with a slew of excellent electronic equipment including several

computers. contributions can be made via credit card through our website or through the mail by check/money order. Instructions for both methods are provided below under the "How To Contribute" section of this page.

If you would prefer an in-kind donation, we are currently in need of at least one more newer computer, high speed scanners, and digital cameras and camcorders.

**It is the sustaining contributions from individuals that we depend on most to maintain our position as the vanguard organization for the defense of civil liberties.**

## **How To Contribute:**

**As always, we are grateful for the financial contributions so many of you have made. As we continue to rejuvenate the board and intensify our actions in the face of imminent threats, we need your further support, either to our tax-deductible Bill of Rights Foundation or directly to CCDBR.**

### **By Credit Card**

- Visit [www.ccdbr.org](http://www.ccdbr.org)
- Click on the "Donate" link on the right side of the website.
- From here you can donate directly to CCDBR using PayPal or to the 501c3 Bill of Rights Foundation using Network for Good.

### **By Mail**

- Direct contributions to CCDBR can be sent via mail to the a CCDBR office. These checks should be made payable to Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights.
- Your tax-deductible contribution may also be sent via mail, payable to The Bill of Rights Foundation, which shares the same suite with CCDBR at 1325 S Wabash.

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