**The Audre Lorde Project, Inc.**
**Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit and Transgender People of Color Communities**

Dear Community Member,

As you know, The Audre Lorde Project's Working Group on Police Violence is dedicated to ending police brutality and violence. One of ALP's first projects, it is open to all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit and Transgender (LGBTST) People of Color who are committed to seeking justice for victims of police violence and brutality. It is also interested in exploring new and creative ways to stop future injustices.

The Working Group on Police Violence seeks to develop analysis, to educate and to mobilize LGBTST people of color communities on issues of police violence. One of the most insidious effects of police violence is the silencing of both the victims of police brutality and of the marginalized communities they are part of. Their silence, although a legitimate response to the violence, makes it difficult to learn about the extent of the violence against our communities.

In an effort to document the experience of those subjected to this injustice, the Working Group on Police Violence has developed a police violence survey. This confidential survey seeks to better document in a limited way the experience of police brutality and violence in our communities. We ask that you take the time to fill it out and return it to the Working Group on Police Violence c/o The Audre Lorde Project (ALP). The results of this survey will help us develop a report on the extent of police brutality on LGBTST communities of color in New York City.

Please take the time to fill out the survey and return it to us by June 15th. Only through our collective effort, can we hope to end police violence and free our communities from the oppression of police brutality.

Thank you for your time and support.
For the Working Group on Police Brutality,

Robert Vazquez-Pacheco

Robert Vazquez-Pacheco, Director of Community Education and Organizing

Note: The Working Group on Police Violence, open to all LGBTST People of Color, meets every second Monday of the month at ALP. For more information or to get involved, please call me at (718) 596-0342, ext. 14.

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This survey is anonymous and confidential. Data collected will be used by The Audre Lorde Project to gain knowledge on police violence against LGBTST people of color in New York City and help to determine future programming. The Audre Lorde Project is a non-profit community organizing center for LGBTST people of color communities in New York City.

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**Working Group on Police Violence**

## POLICE VIOLENCE SURVEY

**What is your sexuality?** Please circle all that apply

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Heterosexual Two Spirit Questioning

Other specify_____

**What is your race/ethnicity?** Please circle all that apply

Black/African American/Caribbean Asian/Pacific Islander NativeAmerican/Indigenous

Latino White Multiracial Other Please specify_____

**What is your age?**_____ **What is your Gender Identity?**_____

*We define police violence as any abuse of power committed by the police including physical abuse, verbal abuse, failure to provide competent services, illegal stop and seizure, unjustifiable removal from public property or any other form of disrespect.*

**Have you ever experienced police violence?** Yes No

**Has an incident of police violence occurred to you more than once?** Yes No

**If yes, how many times have you experienced police violence?**

2-4 5-7 7-9 9 and above

**What type of incidents were they?** *Please circle all that apply*

Verbal abuse Physical abuse Stop and Search Sexual Assault

Harassment Other specify_____

**Please describe the most recent incident of police violence.**

**What type of incident was it?**

Verbal abuse Physical abuse Stop and Search Sexual Assault Harassment

Other *Please specify* _____

**Did the incident take place in New York City?** Yes No

**If no, where did it take place?** _____

**If so, in which Borough did the incident take place?**

Bronx Brooklyn Manhattan Queens Staten Island

**Where did the incident take place?**

Park Street Bar/Club-what type: (Straight Gay Lesbian Bi Trans)

Place of Work Home Public Transit Police Precinct

Other specify_____

****over****

**Do you feel the incident occurred because of your:**

Sexuality Race/ethnicity Gender Age

Other specify_____

**Were you taken into the precinct?** Yes No **If yes how long were you in custody for?** _____

**Did the cops give a reason why they brought you in?** Yes No

If yes, what was the reason? _____

**Were you charged with anything?** Yes No **If yes what?**_____

**Did you speak with anyone about the incident?** Yes No

**If yes whom did you speak with?**

Partner Friends Family Counselor Teacher Clergy

Other specify_____

**Did you report the incident officially?** Yes No

**If yes to whom did you report the incident?**

CCRB (Civilian Complaint Review Board) AVP (NYC Gay&Lesbian Anti-Violence Project)

Police Watch or another Watch Dog Group Precinct Media

Other specify_____

**How would you rate the quality of service you received when reporting the incident?**

Poor Fair Good Excellent

**Do you think reporting the incident was effective?** Yes No

Please explain briefly_____

**Were there actions taken against the officer due to the incident?**

Yes No Don't Know

**If so, what was the action?**

Verbal Reprimand Written Reprimand Probation Promotion Suspension

**What services would have enabled you to better cope with this situation?**

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**Any comments**_____

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***Thanks for your help!!!!!***

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To join, contact us at (718) 596-0342 ext.20.