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PEOPLE POWER AT THE 50<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT  
“WE WELCOME IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES!”

Kingsbridge-Riverdale, NY—April 9, 2017

This Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, the Northwest Bronx arm of *People Power*, the community mobilizing group of the ACLU, will attend the Community Affairs Meeting at the 50th Precinct en masse. The 50<sup>th</sup> precinct is located at 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY.

People Power is an across-the-country movement to protect our friends and neighbors from any form of discrimination. At the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will share the People Power Action Guide, developed by the ACLU legal team, with our local police and other community members. The *People Power 9 point model of state and local law enforcement policies and rules* supports our immigrant neighbors and demonstrates our commitment to protecting our community from any form of discrimination.

People Power’s goal at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is to let our police know that we value New York City’s status as a sanctuary city and that we fully appreciate the efforts that the officers at the 50<sup>th</sup> precinct make day after day to follow our sanctuary city guidelines. We understand that the police in NYC do not turn over immigrants to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and we applaud this policy. We believe that this 9 point program will help local police ensure that NYC remains a sanctuary for all. Our great city is one place where justice is foremost and discrimination opposed. By showing up in force at the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs meeting we at People Power hope to make clear to those living in fear that they have allies and friends in our community.

People Power is, at its core, a grassroots member-mobilization project. Through People Power, the ACLU is engaging volunteers across the country to take action when there are attempts on a local, state or national level to enact unconstitutional policies or trample on people’s constitutional rights. By mobilizing in defense of our civil liberties, volunteers will build local communities that affirm our American values of respect, equality, and solidarity. At its initial nationwide inauguration, over 2000 ACLU members opened up their homes to over 200,000 people across the country with the goal of forming a web of resistance on streets and in towns across the nation.

For 98 years, the ACLU’s defended our Constitution in the courts. Now, they are coupling that legal power with People Power — as we step forward to advocate for this critical human rights issue.

For more info on the People Power initiative - you can download the guide at [peoplepower.org](http://peoplepower.org) Please meet us in front of the Riverdale Diner at 7 prior to walking over to the precinct together. For more information call: Laura Chenven@ 917-536-2517