

# MBIA GUIDE TO CREATING CHANGE IN THE WAKE OF POLICE BRUTALITY & RACISM



# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide was compiled to give suggestions to help combat police brutality and abuse. These are suggestions. Please contact a lawyer to get legal advice if needed.

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Know your rights, know your local, state and federal laws. Know what protections you have under that law. Exercise such rights.
- Be educated on how to demand reform of your local police force. According to popular democracy, "Data is the lifeblood of effective police reform. You can't solve a problem without knowing its scope, and the disparate impact of policing practices are imminently knowable if we decide we want to know them. The report says that cities and departments should maintain a transparent and searchable database on every stop, frisk, summons, use of force, arrest and killing they conduct. The database should be regularly updated. It should be public, but implement measures to protect the privacy of those it involves as well. It also should include all relevant info for each interaction – race, gender, time, place, reason and any other consideration that could help detect bias. And it should be available online. This requires voting the right people in office that can make this happen, reaching out to local officials and demanding this, writing local officials, attending local official meetings and galvanizing and educating the community of this Data so they can also demand the database and actions be taken on officers who have a bias and are in violation of police reform.
  - Demand a better oversight committee when issues do arise so there is a fair process
  - Require that all investigations against a police officer be done independently with a District Attorney outside of the police district.
- Build a campaign on change.org that requires there to be a national standard when it comes to excessive force. Hold police accountable for using excessive force that's not within the national guideline.
- Build or join your own coalition in your area.
- Use the open records law and the monitoring of your local law enforcement to lobby for changes in local, state and federal laws.
- Be patient but swift and smart in your approach
- Use social media to gather support
- Be knowledgeable and do your research



# RESOURCES

- <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/solutions#solutionsoverview>
- [ACLU](#)
- [www.change.org](http://www.change.org)