

# Hey, New York!

## Fight the USA PATRIOT Act

## Support RESOLUTION 909

### What is Resolution 909\*?

A resolution currently before the New York City Council that calls upon federal, state and local officials to affirm and uphold civil rights and liberties.

As the people and the place most directly effected by the attacks of September 11th, it is important for New York City to pass this resolution and make this statement about civil liberties. New York City Council members believe that government security measures like the Patriot Act undermine fundamental rights and damage American institutions and values that residents of New York hold dear. More than 200 communities throughout the country have already enacted similar resolutions reaffirming support for civil rights and liberties and demanding accountability from law enforcement agencies regarding their use of the extraordinary new powers granted through the USA PATRIOT Act.

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Here are just a few of the powers granted to the federal government by the USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56), the Homeland Security Act of 2002:

Today The government can get a secret warrant to search your home without telling you until later

Today The government can monitor your Internet use, read your emails, and examine your online purchases

Today You can be detained without access to a lawyer, without being charged with a crime

Today The FBI is authorized to monitor your political and religious activities

We can only guess what tomorrow will bring

We're at risk of turning into a full-fledged surveillance society. George Orwell's 1984 vision of "Big Brother" is now, for the first time, technologically possible.

You can't afford to wait.  
Speak Out Act Out Against the Patriot Act!

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**Write or call Speaker Gifford Miller, head of the City Council, and your councilperson asking them to support Resolution 909.**

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**\*full text of Resolution 909: [www.NYCBORDC.org](http://www.NYCBORDC.org)**