

Changing Hip-Hop Leadership

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Remember back during the presidential elections when hip-hop moguls and rap artists came out and many were shoving the Vote or Die campaign down our throats and telling us how we needed to do this and that; then we found out that many of those telling us to vote did not vote themselves.

The recent life and death case of Stanley Tookie Williams has brought new leadership to the hip-hop arena.

Actor / musician Jamie Foxx and rap artist Snoop Dogg, and many others were not afraid to take a stand for what many believe is the right thing to do – spare the life of LA Crip co-founder Stanley Tookie Williams.

Many of the so called 'influential voices' in hip-hop culture remained unusually unheard through all of Stanley Tookie Williams struggles.

Maybe certain brands of tee shirts could not be made in time or there was not enough of a 'platform' for these so called 'leaders' to get their shine on or to make a buck on, or maybe they just do not believe that state authorized murder is wrong.

Many hip-hop and rap artists are members or are affiliated with different gangs and this is no secret; as many sport sect tattoos or talk freely about their affiliations with different groups.

So where were the so called 'leaders' of the hip-hop culture in all of this? It is time for us to step back and take a look at those we look to for guidance and direction. It is time to really look at who is speaking for us as a culture and their motives for their actions.

Many hip-hop related artists, activist, politicians, and real leaders took a stand on the execution of Stanley Tookie Williams and spoke out about it. These are the people we need to look to.

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We need 'leaders' and 'advisors' with a true moral compass and who are not afraid to stand up for what they believe in, no matter what the mainstream thinks.

It seems those that had the position to make the 'voice' louder for the clemency of Stanley Tookie Williams were no where to be found.

To all the hip-hop grass roots activists and all the rap artists, actors, politicians, religious leaders; I would like to say we are watching. We recognize who is doing what and why action is being taken. To those who supported Stanley Tookie Williams we pledge support; to those who refused to see the struggle and to speak on it; we will remember.

All have fought a strong fight and I am sure all that could be done has been done and we can be confident that at least we tried to stop this vengeance driven government murder of Stanley Tookie Williams.

All things happen for a purpose; so we just need to see the purpose and never forget what is to happen December 13th, 2005 at 12:01A.M. (PT)

We ask for calm and not to 'play into' the snare that they are hoping we fall for. Time will tell what a mistake this execution is; but sadly if this goes off it will be time that Stanley Tookie Williams won't have.

Society causes many of their own problems and then they sit back and wonder why things are like they are, there will be a lot of sitting back and thinking about this action if it is taken.

For others who have stood up for Tookie visit <http://www.savetookie.org>

Go to MILESTONE ENTERTAINMENT - www.milestonent.com click here to download this entire album for free!

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"REDEMPTION - Hip Hop United 2 Save Stan Tookie Williams"

featuring: stic.man (of DEAD PREZ), P.O.W., PARIS, KAM, SHORTY(of Da Lenchmob), WC, TANK, RBX, KID FROST, GANGSTA RIDD(of Boo Ya Tribe), SQUEEK RU, T- K.A.S.H., BICASSO, FRONTLINE, THE SOUL SNATCHERZ and more...

Other events tonight –

Gov. Shwarzenegger denied clemency, we are still hoping to save Stan.

SAVE STAN TOOKIE WILLIAMS!

8pm Tonight Dec 12: Large peaceful protest at San Quentin.

At 8pm at the East Gate of San Quentin Prison.

You can park on Francisco Blvd. E, but expect to walk 1

to 1.5 miles to get to the east gate. It will be dark, and there is uneven pavement. We suggest you bring a flashlight, water, and wear good shoes and warm clothing. This will be a peaceful protest. Please listen to security people and don't engage the opposition as it only encourages them.

From San Francisco:

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Take 101 North and exit at E. Francisco Blvd.

From Richmond/East Bay:

Take 580 to the Richmond bridge and continue towards 101 North. Take

the first exit after you cross the bridge - Francisco Blvd.

Statewide Rallies and Vigils Against the Scheduled Execution of Stanley Tookie Williams Today and Tonight

San Francisco/San Quentin, CA

Walk for Abolition

The Walk For Abolition begins at the Palace of Legion of Honor in San Francisco at 7am and ends at the gates of San Quentin Prison (around 6pm).

You can join the whole walk of 25 miles, or you can join it in progress at specified mile markers en route, or you can show your support and talk with us at our designated rest stops. We walk peacefully as a large group over the Golden Gate Bridge and through Marin County to San Quentin. Back up van and cars are available to carry backpacks, ferry people back to designated parking and public transport sites and give respite to walkers that are tired.

For Further information on the walk and to volunteer as back-up drivers, please contact Rev. Lyle Grosjean : (510) 895-8203 or email: l.grosjean@sbcglobal.net. On the day of the walk, please call 510-368-3368.

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Rallying Points

->6:45am, Palace of the Legion of Honor, in Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave, San Francisco, 94122. Walk leaves promptly at 7 am.

->8:00am, South End of Golden Gate Bridge.

->8:55am, North End of Golden Gate Bridge.

->10:40am, Head of Bay Trail in Sausalito leading to Mill Valley

->11:45am, Miller Avenue and Camino Alto for lunch and demonstration with members of Mill Valley Seniors for Peace.

->2:30pm, St. Sebastian Church, 373 Bon Air Road, Greenbrae. Rest Stop. Drinks provided.

->3:15pm, St. Paul's Church, 1123 Court Street, San Rafael. Rest Stop. Refreshments provided.

->6:00pm, East Gate of San Quentin Prison

Denver, CO

Join The Save Stan "Tookie" Williams Campaign, and The Armstrong

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(Romero) Family, in Our Quest for Justice and Ending Official

Brutality, Torture, and Murder in America

Block Party Protest Colorado State Capital 15th and Colfax

Monday December 12, 2005, 3:00pm-6:00pm

Keynote Speakers: Ernesto Vigil (Crusade for Justice), Ward Churchill

(American Indian Movement), and Ramona Africa (MOVE)

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Earl Armstrong (303)

208-9138, Shareef Aleem (720) 436-7606, or Steve Nash (720) 309-1418

Chicago

Protest for Stan

At 4:30 pm at Federal Plaza (Dearborn and Monroe). Sponsored by the Campaign

to End the Death Penalty, call 773-955-4841 for more information.

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Washington DC

4:30 pm-start time

Rally will continue into the early evening

U.S. Justice Department

950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

(Pennsylvania Ave. Between 9th and 10th Streets)

Metro Center, Federal Triangle or Archives Metro Stations

For info or to endorse this emergency action, call 301-801-7616 or email cedp_dc@hotmail.com

Los Angeles

RALLY AT 6:00 P.M. December 12

WESTWOOD FEDERAL BUILDING

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11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024 (Corner of Veteran) MARCH AT 8:30 P.M.
to ST. Thomas the Apostle CHURCH for a VIGIL (10750 Ohio Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

Contact: EDeBode@la-archdiocese.org

Sacramento

VIGIL FROM 11PM to 12:30AM December 12

State Capitol Building

11th & L Streets

Contact: stellalevy@sbcglobal.net

Fresno

Vigil begins at 5:30 PM December 12 in front of St. John's Cathedral

Mariposa & R Streets, in downtown Fresno

Contact: maria.telesco@att.net

Riverside

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Vigil at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

Brockton & Arlington

Riverside, CA 92506

Time: 9:00pm, December 12

Orange

Circle of Orange

Chapman and Glassell Streets

5 PM – 12:15 AM, December 12

City of Orange

Orange County

Tiburon

Panel Discussion on the death penalty from the Jewish Perspective

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8 - 10 PM , December 12

Congregation Kol Shofar

215 Blackfield Drive

Tiburon, CA

Pasadena

Vigil Against the Death Penalty!

All Saints Church

132 N. Euclid Avenue

Pasadena, CA

8:30-10:00 PM, December 12

Contact: mtermaat@earthlink.net

Redwood City

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St. Matthias Parish

1685 Cordilleras Ave. Redwood City ,CA

Ecumenical Service from 7-9pm, December 12

Palo Alto

4 PM, December 12

Vigil in support of Williams" life, on the eve of his scheduled execution.

Bring candles, signs, and warm clothing.

Some participants may choose to carpool to San Quentin.

Corner of El Camino and Embarcadero Streets

Palo Alto, CA

Oceanside

Candle-light Vigil

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Mission San Luis Rey

4070 Mission Ave.

Oceanside, CA

9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Participants are invited to bring readings to share with the group.

Chico

Silent Candlelight Prayer Vigil

Children's Park - Downtown

Begins at 7pm, December 12

contact: amylourunge@earthlink.net

San Diego

Vigil

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Hall of Justice

330 West Broadway

San Diego, CA 92101

3:45pm - 7pm, December 12

San Jose

March from the Mission Church in Santa Clara University

Starting at 4:00PM, December 12

End at the Cathedral in Market Street, San Jose

South Pasadena

AN EVENING OF PRAYER TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

Holy Family Church

1501 Fremont Ave.

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South Pasadena, CA 91030

Begins at: 8:30 pm, December 12

Opening prayer, Presentation of the play "Prison of the Mind" and discussion to follow the play

For more information call the church at 626-799-8908

Ventura, California

SILENT CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Ventura County Government Center

Corner of Telephone Rd. and Victoria Ave.

Monday, December 12, 8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Bring candles, warm clothing,

Contacts: DavidHoward@aol.com or francisco.romero@csun.edu

Cleveland, Ohio

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Peace In The Hood and The Task Force for Community

Mobilization will sponsor a "Save the Peace Maker" rally and vigil at

Cleveland City

Hall on December 12 at 5:30 p.m. Contact: RStandiford9@aol.com

Let us unite and protest in peace.