

ACLU Helps Raze Secrecy Barrier Around Housing Complex Plans

In Brief: When is a proposal not a “proposal?” When the Plainfield Housing Authority says so. ACLU-NJ pressure finally convinced the Housing Authority to release details surrounding a project to raze 120 units of a public housing complex.

Razing a building requires someone to sift through the wreckage afterward. But for the Plainfield Housing Authority, it also requires someone to sift through language beforehand.

In response to ACLU-NJ pressure, the Plainfield Housing Authority (PHA) finally disclosed documents it had withheld from a Plainfield resident for more than a year regarding its proposal to raze 120 units of the Elmwood Gardens public housing complex.

In July 2008, the PHA presented its plans — including pictures, sketches, a site plan and zoning map — to the Plainfield Planning Board at a public meeting, which the *Courier News* covered a week later.

Curious about the details, Plainfield resident Robert F. Edwards filed two requests for the plans under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), which the PHA denied, claiming they did not exist. His complaint to the Government Records Council (GRC), the state body tasked with resolving disputes regarding OPRA requests, resulted only in the same answer from the PHA: that the records did not exist.

After the ACLU-NJ filed a second GRC complaint in August 2009, the PHA turned over the documents in September, 437 days after the initial request,

claiming it had shielded them inadvertently.

“I never doubted that these records existed,” Edwards said. “The Housing Authority just didn’t want the public to have them.”

The ACLU-NJ believes the PHA invoked a strict reading of the word “proposal,” which Edwards used in his request, to initially deny the documents. The ACLU-NJ also believes that the PHA Executive Director’s sworn affidavit stating that no documents had been presented at the meeting or afterward intended to mislead.

The ACLU-NJ has requested the GRC impose fines on the Plainfield Housing Authority for unlawfully denying access to the documents and trying to mislead Edwards and the GRC.

“Government agencies cannot ignore their responsibilities under the law by parsing words or claiming that records widely known to be real do not exist,” said Bobby Conner, staff attorney for the



Plainfield resident and citizen activist Robert F. Edwards, who fought for access to public documents for more than a year, pictured alongside his lawyer, ACLU-NJ Open Governance Attorney Bobby Conner.

ACLU-NJ Open Governance Project. “If it looks like a proposal and acts like a proposal, it is a proposal, no matter what the Housing Authority calls it internally.”

Take Action: Are there plans to tear down a building in your town? Learn how to file an OPRA request at: <http://www.state.nj.us/grc/public/complaints/> [ACLU](http://www.aclu-nj.org)

HOUSING COMPLEX TIMELINE

<p>■ July 10, 2008: Plainfield Housing Authority (PHA) Executive Assistant Lewis Hurd presents plans to raze 120 units of Elmwood Gardens public housing complex at a public meeting before the Plainfield Planning Board.</p>	<p>■ July 20 and 22, 2008: Robert Edwards of Plainfield submits his first and second Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests for the records.</p>	<p>■ August 18, 2008: Edwards files a complaint with the Government Records Council regarding the Housing Authority’s refusal to provide the documents.</p>	<p>■ August 7, 2009: Deadline for the PHA to respond to Edwards’s first GRC complaint passes.</p>	<p>■ August 25, 2009: Second deadline for the PHA to respond to Edwards’ GRC complaint passes.</p>	<p>■ September 29, 2009: Plainfield Housing Authority submits documents regarding the Elmwood Gardens plan to Edwards and the GRC – 437 days after the first request.</p>
<p>■ July 17, 2008: <i>The Courier-News</i> of Bridgewater publishes an article announcing 120 units of Elmwood Gardens may be razed, describing the government records the PHA presented to the Plainfield Planning Board.</p>	<p>■ July 22, 2008: Edwards receives a memo from PHA Executive Assistant Lewis Hurd, slipped under his door, denying his request. “The statue [sic] you stated in your memo is not applicable due to the fact there was no proposal to the Plainfield Planning Board. Your information was incorrect,” the response read.</p>	<p>■ January 13, 2009: Plainfield Housing Authority Executive Director Randall Wood signs an affidavit stating, “There weren’t any documents presented at the meeting or provided subsequent to the meeting.”</p>	<p>■ August 20, 2009: ACLU-NJ files a third OPRA request with the Plainfield Housing Authority, which the PHA claims it never received, despite the ACLU-NJ’s fax receipt of confirmation and submission through mail.</p>	<p>■ September 15, 2009: ACLU-NJ files a second complaint with the Government Records Council regarding the PHA.</p>	

ACLU-NJ Kicks off Celebration of 50-Year Fight for Liberty

In 1960, conversations about gays and lesbians were spoken only in whispers. Fifty years later, the ACLU-NJ has helped bring LGBT rights to the floor of the state legislature, as we are poised on the brink of securing marriage equality in New Jersey.

At the same time, highways built 50 years ago on bulldozed middle-class African American neighborhoods still stand as monuments to the lasting legacy of racism that has shaped New Jersey’s largest city.

New Jersey has come far in the 50 years since the ACLU-NJ’s founding, but reminders continue to surround us of the progress still needed. In its Golden Anniversary year, the ACLU-NJ will take a look back to our beginning as we step forward into our future.

50 Years, 50 Faces of the ACLU

Each week, you’ll hear the stories of individuals who have helped the ACLU-NJ stand for individual rights over the past 50 years. Get to know the clients, members, staff, attorneys, and ordinary people in our communities, like you, who do the work of liberty at: www.aclu-nj.org We’re also excited to let you know that our website will get a facelift in 2010.

A Celebration in Celluloid

The ACLU-NJ will release a short film highlighting some of the ground we’ve gained in the fight for liberty, recounting stories of the last decade of newspaper publishers, mothers, honor roll students and others courageous enough to stand up and fight for their liberty.

Join us for a screening at one of our events or screen it on your own time courtesy of the ACLU-NJ YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/aclunj

Save the Date, Celebrate

Details will be forthcoming for our Human Rights Conference, film screening of *American Violet*, inspired by an ACLU client, and the culminating Freedom for the Next 50 Years Celebration, all in 2010.

Keep an eye on www.aclu-nj.org for updates, as well as your mailbox and e-mail. E-mail: activist@aclu-nj.org to receive ACLU-NJ news.



Nominees for the ACLU-NJ 2010 Board of Trustees

The ACLU-NJ Committee on Trustees presents a slate of ten candidates to fill ten open positions for three-year terms on the organization's Board of Trustees. Because this year's election is uncontested, we are not asking members to submit a ballot.

The ACLU-NJ depends on strong, quality leadership and encourages its

members to volunteer to serve on its Board of Trustees. Interested members may contact the ACLU-NJ at 973-642-2086 or e-mail: nominations@aclu-nj.org

In addition to the official nomination process, any member of the ACLU-NJ can appear on next year's ballot by gathering signatures of 50 ACLU-NJ members on a petition. Those petitions must be submitted by September 30, 2010. [ACLU](#)



Marc Beebe

I'm honored to run for my third three-year term on the ACLU-NJ Board of Trustees. Like many members of the ACLU, I had high hopes that the environment for civil liberties would significantly improve as we get ready to enter the second decade of the 21st century. However, it is clear that we need to continue to hold our government — local, state and federal — accountable, and the ACLU-NJ is one of the best organizations to do that.

I'm currently Vice-President of the ACLU-NJ Board, as well as chair of the Privacy Committee. In the past, I've chaired the Budget and Finance Committee and served as Treasurer, chaired the Strategic Planning Committee, and co-written a number of grants. Being on the ACLU-NJ Board of Trustees is an important responsibility, and I take the responsibility seriously. I look forward to continuing to work hard to protect the civil liberties of all people of New Jersey



Caitlin Borgmann

I am honored to run for my second term on the ACLU-NJ Board of Trustees. It is hard to overstate the ACLU's importance in today's political climate. Civil liberties are being attacked with a frightening zeal. Many of the battles are being fought right here in New Jersey. I have worked with the ACLU on the front lines of these battles for over a decade. I was the state legislative coordinator at the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project for six years. There I provided legal and strategic advice to ACLU affiliates and brought legal challenges to laws restricting reproductive rights. I have written and spoken extensively on civil liberties issues. I currently teach at CUNY School of Law. I will continue to be an active board member who works hard to ensure that our organization continues to work as effectively as possible to protect the civil liberties of everyone in New Jersey.



Ryan Cooper

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the ACLU-NJ Board of Trustees. In my personal and professional life I have always placed great importance upon our constitutional guarantees of individual liberty. As an attorney at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, I have provided pro bono representation to organizations working to protect our civil rights. In law school, I spent two years in the Rutgers Constitutional Litigation Clinic advocating for the disenfranchised, litigating voting rights cases and working to advance international human rights. My commitment to individual freedom has also involved the founding of a nonprofit arts organization. I am excited to be able to bring these experiences to work on behalf of the ACLU-NJ. The ACLU-NJ plays an invaluable role in protecting our civil liberties, and, as a member of the Board, I would be thrilled at the opportunity to help the ACLU-NJ advance that critical mission.



George Land

Throughout my life, I have been keenly aware of our obligation to advocate for social justice and protect the tenets of our freedom guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Growing up in Atlanta in the late 60s, I was influenced by unique experiences that shaped my values with regard to human rights. The lessons of the fight for racial equality made a lasting impression, and instilled a life-long dedication to preserving our most cherished freedoms. Among the many important issues tackled by the ACLU, I am most committed to those involving racial and gender discrimination, and free speech and expression. Professionally, I have worked for the NBA since 1992 and currently serve as Vice President of Business and Production Operations.

I am honored to be nominated and energized by the opportunity serve on the ACLU-NJ Board of Trustees and lend my efforts to our organization.



Joey Novick

As a professional stand-up comedian for more than 20 years, an elected official in New Jersey between 1996 and 2006, and a political humor columnist for a statewide political blog, I use the First Amendment quite a bit on an everyday basis. I am extremely glad that the ACLU is there to ensure that my civil liberties as a writer and performer are protected when I need them most. I am very proud to call myself a member of the ACLU-NJ. I have seen firsthand the value of the ACLU when the organization came to my community of Flemington to fight an ordinance that imposed an unconstitutional burden on those wishing to assert their First Amendment rights on our streets. I would consider it a privilege and an opportunity to aid in advancing the important work of the ACLU-NJ as a member of the Board of Trustees.



Rey Pierantoni

It is an honor to be nominated as a member of the ACLU-NJ Board of Trustees. I recently began teaching Social Studies at Newark's Weequahic High School, including ethics and constitutional law for Weequahic's new Law Academy. My experience on the board of the Puerto Rican Bar Association and a former Regional President of the Hispanic National Bar Association would allow me to hit the ground running in serving the ACLU and furthering its goals. Born to Puerto Rican parents and raised by a single mother, the measure of success I have achieved is due to the opportunities made available by the work of organizations such as the ACLU. Unfortunately, the availability of such opportunities is under constant threat, especially in the current climate. As such, I look forward to the opportunity to "give back" to the ACLU, the people it serves, and to defend the liberties guaranteed by our Constitution.



Rich Pliskin

I became a permanent fan of the ACLU upon discovering the Constitution. There are no principles more important than human rights, privacy and freedom of expression, and there is no more unswerving and effective defender of these principles than the ACLU.

I have a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Science in journalism from Northwestern University. I worked as a reporter for the New Jersey Law Journal, where I won awards for investigative, enterprise and business reporting. I also worked as a spokesman for the New Jersey Supreme Court. I'm now the senior corporate writer at Educational Testing Service, where I write speeches, op-eds and other communications on education issues. My freelance writing credits include The New York Times and National Public Radio.

I'm deeply honored by this nomination. I would view serving on the ACLU-NJ Board as a high calling.



Bruce S. Rosen

I am a longtime cooperating attorney for the ACLU-NJ and a member of the Board and its Legal Committee since 2006. Since 1995 I have been a civil and criminal litigator with McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, PC, in Florham Park, with a specialty in First Amendment and media law. After receiving a degree from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1975, I spent 15 years in my first career as a reporter and editor for various publications, including The (Bergen) Record and the New Jersey Law Journal. I graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law and also served as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge H. Lee Sarokin. I am also an adjunct professor at Rutgers School of Law-Newark, a member of the editorial board of the Law Journal and past Board Chair of New Jersey Policy Perspective, a progressive think tank. I live in Basking Ridge.



Ellen Samuel

After 10 years as the President of ACLU-NJ, I have stepped down and have assumed the co-chairmanship of our Development Committee. I still want to remain active, working to support the only organization I know that defends the civil liberties of all regardless of their point of view.

This is no time to let down our guard — we must not see our work diminished. We must not relax, feeling, perhaps, that the government is in good hands. Our legal docket remains packed, speaking to the fact that problems still abound. Our presence in the legislature is consistently growing and we frequently serve as a sounding board prior to the introduction of new legislation. In the world of public opinion we see more praise than criticism, the beginning of a welcome change. I would be honored if you would return me to a seat on the Board of Trustees of ACLU-NJ.



Avi Tilak

Since coming to the United States more than three decades ago, what has always amazed me are the individual civil liberties that we enjoy, unlike most other nations on Earth. Unfortunately, every government has a tendency to encroach on individual liberties in the name of efficiency. Our government is no exception.

The ACLU is the only organization I know of that defends civil liberties regardless of the underlying political bent of individuals or organizations. It is the only organization that defends the rights of Communist Party members and Ku Klux Klan members to have the same civil liberties.

I have a wide-ranging background in consulting (owning and running an analytical marketing consulting company), business (as an owner and partner in a motel, restaurants and other businesses), nonprofits (currently serving as president of Denville Rotary, formerly chair of Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences), academics (currently teaching as an adjunct in Rutgers) and industry (having worked for Ma Bell). I am honored to support the ACLU-NJ in any capacity I can.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ACLU-NJ

Tipping the Scales Toward Justice

BY DEBORAH JACOBS
ACLU-NJ Executive Director



In the atmosphere of fear after September 11, Congress passed the Patriot Act in a breakneck 45-day rush. The law ushered in the most sweeping surveillance of Americans in history. The trend continues: Just last year, Congress passed the FISA Amendments Act (FAA), modifying the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to allow dragnet government surveillance of Americans' communications.

Last month a Senate committee voted to advance a bill reauthorizing the Patriot Act's most notorious provisions, which would otherwise expire December 31, 2009. Congress will decide this fall whether to let these provisions continue to degrade our liberty or to lay them to rest.

One provision allows government investigations to seize "any tangible thing," including computers, files or library records, without a court order, even when no connection to terrorism or espionage exists. A second allows "roving wiretaps" in multiple locations without confirming a suspected terrorist is using those phones.

ACLU-NJ Wins Fight for Details of Hackensack Emergency Services

In Brief: The ACLU-NJ, after filing a Superior Court lawsuit, uncovered documents Hackensack had refused to disclose to a resident detailing the cost of its emergency services.

The ACLU-NJ's Open Governance Project this October won an open-government victory, uncovering information the City of Hackensack had concealed from residents about the fiscal health of the city's emergency medical services.

Hackensack resident Patrick Finley had twice requested financial details of the city's decision last year to replace its emergency medical corps with the services of Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC). The City of Hackensack denied both requests.

Under its agreement with the city, the hospital would provide up to \$140,000 in services for uninsured patients, and Hackensack would pay for the rest. Denied information from Hackensack directly, the ACLU-NJ sued, citing New Jersey's Open Public Records Act.

"The law is clear that our government must disclose its contracts," said ACLU-NJ Open Governance Staff Attorney Bobby Conner, who represented Finley.

Hackensack initially provided no explanation for denying Finley's requests to learn the city's contribution toward emergency services under the contract, but later claimed the documents were "consultative" and "deliberative."

The city turned over the documents soon after the ACLU-NJ suit was filed.

The ACLU-NJ and Finley ultimately learned from invoices – documents considered neither consultative nor deliberative – that by July Hackensack had used all of the \$140,000 meant to last for a year. Hackensack and HUMC have since renegotiated the terms of their EMS contract.

"Our government should never hide public information, especially when the well-being and public safety of citizens are at stake," said Finley. "The public has a right to know the true costs of our emergency services."

The ACLU-NJ has requested the City of Hackensack reimburse our attorneys' fees for forcing us to file suit to obtain public records.

Take Action: Government keeping mum? Call 973-642-2084 or e-mail: opengov@aclu-nj.org to ask if the Open Governance Project can help.

Learn more: Find out what you can do to secure your right to know by visiting: <http://www.whatisfoia.org> [ACLU](#)

The "lone wolf" provision, allows the government to monitor people it does not suspect of working for a foreign power, with no constitutional safeguards.

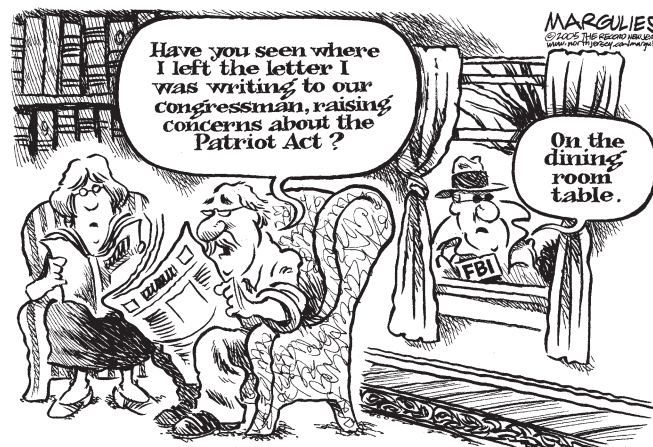
Reauthorizing these three provisions automatically — particularly considering they resulted from knee-jerk reactions, not reasoned debate — would set a dangerous precedent for privacy in the post-Bush era. These provisions, along with the ugliness at their core, require serious discussion. We must bring our surveillance laws in line with the Constitution.

Fortunately, a group of Senators — including co-sponsors Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez of New Jersey — has introduced the Justice Act — short for "Judicious Use of Surveillance Tools in Counterterrorism Efforts." It would establish civil liberties safeguards and narrow the scope of sweeping surveillance laws while leaving intact tools essential to our security.

The Justice Act would limit the FBI's power to demand private customer records from Internet service providers (ISPs), financial institutions and credit bureaus through National Security Letters (NSLs). The letters, which the FBI issues without prior judicial approval, do more than bypass the courts. The FBI routinely imposes gag orders on NSL recipients, preventing customers from ever knowing the FBI has demanded their records.

The Justice Act would curb NSL abuse and ensure FBI compliance with the Fourth Amendment by establishing standards of individualized suspicion, judicial review and reporting to Congress. It would also restrict the government's bulk collection of Americans' communications and rescind immunity for telephone companies that aided the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping.

Perhaps most importantly, the Justice Act would require law enforcement to report its surveillance activities to Congress. Congress and the public have yet to hear complete details of the government's surveillance programs, leaving the security of our



rights and the country in question.

New Jersey plays an important role in this debate. NJ Congressman Rush Holt, a member of the House Intelligence Committee and Chairman of the House Select Intelligence Oversight Committee, has just introduced a House version of the Justice Act that would strengthen our privacy rights, secure our civil liberties and defend our Constitution if passed.

Eight years after the Patriot Act heralded an age of unfettered abuses of our rights, Congress can finally rein in the sweeping surveillance powers it blindly granted the executive branch. A government so all-seeing should open its eyes to our founding fathers' vision: of a country whose power comes not from monitoring its people, but from securing their liberty. [ACLU](#)

Police Organization Opens Its Doors to LGBT Rights After Women Were Denied Entry to Fundraiser

In Brief: The ACLU-NJ prompted the Northern New Jersey chapter of the National Organization for Law Enforcement Professionals (NOBLE) to expand its outreach surrounding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights after two lesbian women complained that the fraternal organization denied them and their friends entry to a fundraising dance.

After intervening to help a group of women excluded from a law enforcement group's dance because of their sexual orientation, the ACLU-NJ in October resolved the matter with the National Organization



Towana Christopher, pictured, along with her partner Cheryl Rogers, enlisted the ACLU-NJ's help when they and their friends were denied entry to a fundraiser. Their victory resulted in stronger ties between the LGBT and law enforcement communities.

for Black Law Enforcement Professionals (NOBLE), forging stronger ties between the law enforcement and LGBT communities. As in years past, Towana Christopher and her partner Cheryl Rogers, along with several of their friends, bought tickets for an annual dance in Edison sponsored by the Northern New Jersey NOBLE chapter in April 2008. But when the women tried to enter the fundraiser, advertised as open to all members of the public, the women said the police officers at the door refused them entry.

The women contacted the ACLU-NJ, which worked with NOBLE to settle the dispute. At the ACLU-NJ's prompting, NOBLE will expand its outreach to educate New Jerseyans about the dangers of discrimination, including publishing a statement on its website each June — to coincide with Pride Month — in support of equal treatment for everyone, no matter their sexual orientation or gender.

"We are grateful that the matter is settled, but even more, we are grateful that this resolution promises to help other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals, along with greater understanding between police officers and the LGBT community" said Rogers.

Take Action: Support the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals by telling your legislators to vote "yes" on marriage equality during the lame duck legislative session. Find your elected officials at: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp> [ACLU](#)

Profile in Liberty: Alan Kligerman



Alan Kligerman, the inventor of Beano and Lactaid, as well as a fiercely dedicated ACLU-NJ supporter, stands in front of Drumthwacket Manor in Princeton, the governor's official residence.

The ACLU doesn't just fulfill a mission to defend our rights — it fulfills an obligation to stand up for those rights when no one else will. Without my having realized it, this guiding principle was my own from early on.

As a child, I endured the pain of systemic anti-Semitism in 1940s Margate, and could not stand my ground alone. Ever since, whenever someone is held down, slapped down or effectively shut down because of his or her status, race or religion, I feel it personally.

In adulthood, I have been more than fortunate, having been able to develop helpful products through my business. That stability has allowed me to take risks I knew others couldn't, advocating in the 1960s for the rights of people of color and against the Vietnam War, and helping dismantle a local political machine. I am an inveterate activist, contributing today personally and financially to an array of local, national and international activities, ranging from cultural institutions to peace organizations.

"The ACLU stands among the most important forces in America today."

The ACLU stands among the most important forces in America today. It never loses sight of its obligations. The ACLU-NJ's Racial Justice Program helps guarantee opportunities for all, despite deeply rooted inequalities. The ACLU-NJ's Open Governance Project forces municipalities to end the tradition of stonewalling, giving government back to its rightful owners:

the public. ACLU pressure, whether on local police or the U.S. President, draws a bright line between a rule imposed by fiat and a democracy run by the people.

A famous photograph, a favorite of mine, shows a stone lighthouse nearly engulfed by a breaking wave. Yet when the water recedes, the lighthouse will stand, structurally and integrally intact. That lighthouse is the ACLU. Repression of speech and oppression of people swirl around it, and still it stands. The ACLU endures, delivering light.

The ACLU needs continued funding and support to ensure it will endure. My check to the ACLU is an investment — in our society, in my family and yours, and in our obligations to the future. My check is a contract sealing the enduring defense of our Constitution.

Alan Kligerman, one of the ACLU-NJ's most stalwart and generous supporters, pioneered products like Lactaid and Beano through his company, AkPharma Inc. He lives in Egg Harbor Township. [ACLU](#)

Tributes

In memory of Puneet Bhandari
Narendra C. Bhandari

In memory of Nancy Borgmann
Jay Gartman

In memory of Evelyn Farber
Jay Gartman

In memory of Ann Levine
Joshua Trojak

In memory of Ann Levine
Barbara & Bert Lenoble

In memory of Ruth Lischin
Jeffrey Lischin

Tributes are contributions made to honor or remember special friends, family, colleagues and occasions.

To have your tribute appear in the *Civil Liberties Reporter*, please contact the ACLU-NJ office at: **973-642-2086** or P.O. Box 32159, Newark, NJ 07102.

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Looking in the Mirror: The ACLU-NJ at 50 Years



The ACLU-NJ commemorates its Golden Anniversary in 2010. We've accomplished so much! We've won battles, set precedents and heard freedom's ring. But as our founder Roger Baldwin said, "No fight for liberty ever stays won."

The need for ACLU-NJ advocacy is as strong today as it was in 1960. While we're on the cutting edge in addressing new and emerging civil liberties issues, we still must do the kind of civil liberties advocacy that would seem more fitting for the 1960s than today.

The ACLU continues to set the pace for our strides forward, and we're counting on you to stand with us.

Here are some of the events planned for our anniversary year:

ACLU-NJ Supreme Court Briefing

March 25, 2010

We'll look at ACLU's year in the courts and award the ACLU-NJ's highest honors. ACLU Legal Director Steve Shapiro, a riveting speaker and familiar face before the U.S. Supreme Court, headlines the program.

Human Rights Conference

Date TBA – check www.aclu-nj.org for updates

The ACLU will give advocates tools to ensure government at all levels complies not only with the U.S. Constitution and New Jersey law, but with global human rights standards.

American Violet Screening

Date TBA – check www.aclu-nj.org for updates

Join us for the movie *American Violet*, inspired by Regina Kelly, who will speak alongside the ACLU attorneys who defended her. Kelly refused to become a confidential informant to reduce her jail sentence after a confidential informant had pointed the finger at her.

"Freedom for the Next 50 Years" Celebration

November 2010

A grand celebration to take place in a pivotal year between the ACLU-NJ's storied past and its glorious future.



LIGHT THE TORCH OF LIBERTY: For the Next 50 Years

Help the ACLU of New Jersey build a safe and free future by investing in its mission. Defend liberty annually, quarterly, monthly. Make a special 50th anniversary tax deductible gift to the ACLU-NJ Foundation. For more information on how you can give monthly, call us at 973-642-2086. Visit our website to make a gift today: www.aclu-nj.org/donate

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