

# Anthony Miranda, Civil Rights Advocate

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## SUMMARY

For over 30 years Anthony Miranda has advocated for and promoted tolerance toward and understanding of diverse communities in all public and private entities. He aims to create strong bonds between communities of color and agencies to ensure equal representation in treatment, hiring, promotional practices, and general policies. He strives to ensure that people in the community work in an environment that follows all equal employment opportunity rules and regulations, and is free of discrimination, hostility, retaliation, and sexual harassment.

He has worked with law firms, government, and non-government organizations to reform police practices such as systemic police discrimination in the discipline and promotion of minority officers; illegal stop, question and frisk of brown people; and illegal arrests and summons quotas. He led the battle for reformed police policies on the right for officers to:

- speak out on issues of public safety,
- the questioning and interrogation of officers,
- the right for officers to organize,
- the right for officers to march in full uniform in parades,
- the right for officers to file charges of discrimination even when facing disciplinary charges,
- the right for Federal Court oversight of the NYPD,
- and mandated sensitivity training.

## PANELS / EDUCATIONAL FORUMS

- [Discovery for Justice](#) – Promoting fairness and efficiency in the criminal discovery process through open, early and automatic disclosure of evidence
- [The Schomburg Center](#) – How to safely surrender any found or recovered weapons or narcotics to law enforcement
- **Columbia University Law School** – panel on police brutality
- **Queens College** – Know Your Rights When Stopped by the Police: De-escalation and Safety
- **Monroe College** – Know Your Rights When Stopped by the Police: De-escalation and Safety
- **St. Joseph’s College** – Know Your Rights When Stopped by the Police: De-escalation and Safety
- **Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez Town Hall Meeting** – Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Efforts, October 17, 2016
- **Medgar Evers College** –The State of Latino NY 2016, October 5, 2016
- **Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities, NYS Minorities in Criminal Justice** – Town Hall Session for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, June 11, 2015
- [Radio 103.9’s Town-Hall Forum](#) – Celebrating King Through Peace, Understanding and Justice, where we will discuss the relationship between police and community, January 15, 2015
- [Vera Institute for Justice](#) – Police Connecting with Communities of Color, 2014

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- [BRIC House Town Hall](#) – Race, Policing and Civil Rights, October 14, 2014
- **CUNY School of Law** – Police Misconduct & Civil Liability, April 11, 2013 and October 9, 2014; Please Don't Shoot: An interactive panel discussion on the use of (excessive) force by law enforcement
- **John Jay College** – Fatal Shooting Rocks NYPD, Ignites Race Debate, June 1, 2009
- [New York State Tri-Level Legislative Task Force](#) – A Report on Improving Public Confidence in Law Enforcement and our Criminal Justice System, June 6, 2008
- [New York City Bar Association](#) – To Serve and Protect: Should New York City Police Play a Role in Immigration Enforcement?, Winter 2004
- [New York Civil Liberties Union](#) – Letter: NYCLU, 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement, Latino Officers Association Fault NYPD for Backlog of Police Misconduct Cases, June 20, 2002

### PUBLIC DECLARATIONS

Provided expert opinion and media commentary on the death of Anthony Baez, a security guard who died immediately following an altercation with police on December 22, 1994 in the Bronx where Officer Livoti placed Anthony in an illegal chokehold.

Defended and protected accused whistle blower Officer Daisy Boria against threats. She was the officer who contradicted her own partner during the trial of Francis X. Livoti, the officer accused and acquitted of killing Anthony Baez.

As a member of the Campaign for Fair Latino Representation, held press conferences from 2015 to 2016 to hold Mayor De Blasio accountable for the lack of Latino representation in his administration.

Outspoken against police brutality cases:

- 1997 sodomy of Abner Louima
- 1999 police shooting of Amadou Diallo
- 2006 police shooting of Sean Bell
- 2014 deadly police chokehold on Eric Garner

Openly spoke out against the lax role of the Mollen Commission (an NYPD commission charged with the responsibility of investigating allegations of police corruption) and the Anti-Corruption Procedures of the Police Department.

### DOCUMENTARIES / FILMS

[Crime + Punishment](#) || Directed by Stephen Maing

[Cop Watchers](#) || Netflix Mini-doc series

[Rap Sheet: Hip-Hop and the Cops](#) || Directed by Don Sikorski

[Through The Dust](#) || Directed by Jonah Markowitz and Brandon Lavoie

### CASE LAW

1. Spearheaded a federal class-action lawsuit filed in September 1999 with the Latino Officers Association charging the NYPD with broad racial discrimination. The lawsuit alleged that minority police officers were subjected to unfair disciplinary action, and that the NYPD created a hostile work environment for them. The case was settled with the city agreeing to pay \$26.8 million. The terms of the settlement meant that potentially 12,000 African-American and Latino officers could receive financial payouts between \$3,500 and \$400,000 each for discrimination between 1996 and 2003.

2. Challenged NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 114-8 on the ground that it violates their First Amendment right to freedom of speech. The Procedure required officers to provide notice to the police department in advance of any speaking engagement, to obtain approval before speaking, and to provide a written summary of the speech the next business day after the engagement. The district court held that the Procedure violated the officers' First Amendment rights, and entered a preliminary injunction barring its enforcement.

[Latino Officers Association, Anthony Miranda, and Plaintiffs-appellees, v. Howard Safir, Commissioner of the New York City Police Department, and the New York City Police Department, Defendants-appellants, 170 F.3d 167 (2d Cir. 1999)]

3. Case against the NYPD challenging the right for police officers to march in uniform which is protected under the First Amendment right.

[Latino Officers Association, New York Inc., and Anthony Miranda, in his capacity as President of the Latino Officers Association, New York, Inc., on behalf of its members, Plaintiffs–Appellees, v. The City of New York, The Police Department of the City of New York, Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mayor of the City of New York, and Howard Safir, Police Commissioner of the City of New York, Defendants–Appellants. Docket No. 99–7657, Decided: November 17, 1999]

4. Supported the modification of NYPD HANDSHU GUIDELINES. Political activists who had been interrogated following arrest filed motion seeking modification of existing guidelines governing city police department's investigations of political activity.

[Set out in District Court's consent decree, 605 F.Supp. 1384, affirmed 787 F.2d 828.]