

## ***HOW CAN WE PROTECT OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES?***

- ***Get your city council to pass a resolution or ordinance.*** These resolutions show politicians at all levels believe that civil liberties must be preserved and that it is possible to be both safe and free (resolutions have been passed in 123 communities in 25 states including three state-wide resolutions).
- ***Organize*** community forums / discussion groups / demonstrations.
- ***Contact your Senators and Representatives*** (write, email, call, meet in person, etc) and insist that they pledge to oppose any new legislation that threatens our constitutional rights in the name of security against terrorism.
- ***Get informed on the issues.*** The ACLU ([www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)) and Bill of Rights Defense Committee ([www.bordc.org](http://www.bordc.org)) websites are excellent resources.
- ***Vote!*** You can vote for candidates who share your belief in a safe and free society. To find out a candidate's voting record, visit the ACLU's National Freedom Scorecard. You can register to vote online.
- ***Discuss the issues*** with other interested people. There might be several like-minded groups of people in your local area or you can discuss the issues online.
- ***Write a letter to the editor.*** You can write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper and express your opinion about issues that are being covered (or are noticeably absent).
- ***Distribute flyers and other materials.*** You can print out materials and distribute them to friends and the public in order to raise awareness about issues.
- ***Become involved with a local affiliate of the ACLU.*** You can become more involved with the local ACLU affiliate in your state. Many affiliates have regular meetings and events. Join the ACLU Action Alert Mailing List (for more info: [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)).
- ***Table at events.*** You can set up a table at public events and provide information on the issue. This is also a great chance to meet like-minded people, talk to them about their concerns and coordinate.
- ***Start a letter-writing Campaign.*** Recruit friends and others to write letters to Members of Congress and the State House/Senate on key issues.
- ***Stay visible!***