

Hip Hop Artists, Community Activists And Elected Officials To Address Rising Gun Violence At Peace In The Streets Event

Moderated by Leslie "Big Lez" Segar, Trae The Truth, DJ Battlecat, Lil Eazy E, Hakim Green, DJ Silky D, Atty. Ben Crump, Rep. Barbara Lee, Rep. Maxine Waters and others to participate

Los Angeles, California Mar 1, 2022 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Hip Hop 4 Peace, in association with The Peace Alliance, the 11 Eleven Network, and Groundwork Studios announced a live-stream community event, **Hip Hop 4 Peace Town Hall: Peace In The Streets on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 3 PM PDT at Catch One in Los Angeles.** This event will bring together the largest gathering of Hip Hop artists in recent years, community stakeholders, and elected officials who will address the recent uptick of gun violence in Hip Hop culture and call for peacebuilding measures. The live stream can be viewed on the **VYRE Network, The 11 Eleven Network, V TV Network, HipHopTV.com, and SwaggMedia.com.**

Although peace is the foundation of Hip Hop, the recent rise of gun violence has created an untenable environment inside and outside of the culture, impacting communities nationwide. With one rapper dead every 44 hours due to gun violence, the Hip Hop community can no longer be silent about the prevalence of guns on the streets and the resulting environment of violence and harm.

The date of **March 9th** is significant as it **marks the 25th anniversary of the killing of Christopher "Biggie" Wallace in Los Angeles.** And sadly, Hip Hop continues to struggle today with the senseless killings of young rappers. "We were very intentional in selecting March 9th as the day to bring artists, activists, officials, and peacebuilders together in the hopes of effectuating real change," stated **Tina Marie Tyler, creator and executive producer of Hip Hop 4 Peace Town Hall: Peace In The Streets.** "We must support **Rep. Barbara Lee's bill HR: 1111** which elevates peacebuilding to the executive branch of government and will provide financial resources directly to communities."

Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13) noted the racial disparity in gun violence and called for an end to the violence. "While gun violence impacts all Americans, communities of color are especially devastated by our nation's lax gun laws. African Americans specifically are two times more likely to be killed by gun violence, and African American children are 10 times more likely to die from gun violence than other children in America. This madness must end."

Hip Hop 4 Peace Town Hall: Peace In The Streets boasts a varied group of community Peace Partners who all share a passion for community and peace. "It is typically women who lead movements. In this perfect storm of Covid-19, social reckoning, increased access to guns, and exposure to all forms of violence, it is necessary to amplify a blueprint for peace. Our call to action is for Hip Hop to pull through in 2022 and reach the goal of 1,111,000 signatures advocating for H.R. 1111, The U.S. Department of Peacebuilding Act. Hip Hop will continue to use our powerful influence for peace," stated **JoHanna "J" Thompson, MPA of The Peace Alliance.**

Hip Hop 4 Peace Town Hall: Peace in The Streets participants include:

HIP HOP ARTISTS

TRAE THE TRUTH

DJ BATTLECAT

HAKIM GREEN

LIL EAZY E

DJ YELLA

CHRIS THE GLOVE

KING T

DJ SPARK

DJ SILKY D

DJ JAZZY D

MEDUSA

MONEY B

WATTS STIX

NATURAL RED

LONZO WILLIAMS

DJ CLI-N- TEL

COMMUNITY LEADERS

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA LEE (CA-13)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAXINE WATERS (CA-43)

BENJAMIN CRUMP, ATTORNEY

SKIP TOWNSEND (2nd Call)

HH ANDREW WILLIAM JR. (Five Points Youth Foundation)

CHICO BROWN (Compton Empowered)

BIG MONE (Ruthless Records)

QUEEN THERESA KING (Eradicate the Hate)

JOHN PAYNE (Death Row Records)

JOHANNA "J" Thompson (The Peace Alliance)

CHELA DEMUIR (Unique Women's Coalition)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

AFRIKA ENTERPRISES

ANTI-VIOLENCE, SAFETY & ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

BEAUTIFUL RESILIENCE

BLAZE CONSULTING

BRING THE PEACE MOVEMENT

CIRCLE OF BROTHERHOOD

DREAM DEFENDERS

ED LOVER, C'MON SON

ETAN THOMAS, THE ETAN THOMAS FOUNDATION

EMPOWERING YOUNG VOICES

EMERALD GARNER, WE CAN'T BREATHE, INC.

ERADICATE THE HATE

FLORIDA RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

GOGETTRR

HIP HOP CAUCUS

INNERG

K.I.N.G. MOVEMENT

LET'S GO CHAMP

LIVE YO LIFE

LYRICAL REVOLUTION

POET LAUREATE OF STOCKTON

SOUTH FLORIDA PEOPLE OF COLOR

SUGA T, HER MUSEUM & WORK IT WELL

THE ECHO CHAMBER

UNIQUE WOMEN'S COALITION

UNITY 360 INSTITUTE

ZULU NATION

The event will be live-streamed at CatchOne in Los Angeles and is sponsored by TeleHelp 24/7.

HIP HOP 4 PEACE

Hip Hop 4 Peace is a global coalition of individuals, organizations, and companies that seek to promote peace through Hip Hop culture and music. By using our collective voices, we seek to: **reduce** gun violence; **remove** social, economic, and health barriers to peace; **restore** peace as the foundation of Hip Hop culture.

hiphop4peace.com

THE PEACE ALLIANCE

A global alliance of organizers and advocates taking the work of peacebuilding from the margins of society into the center of national discourse and policy priorities. The Peace Alliance champions a comprehensive, collaborative approach to peacebuilding through education, legislative advocacy, and collaboration with citizens and organizations to increase our voice and expand the culture of peace.

peacealliance.org

TeleHelp 24/7

Founded in 2018, TeleHelp 24/7 is a virtual mental healthcare company designed to service the mental wellness needs of people from communities of color. TeleHelp 24/7 provides culturally competent mental healthcare by culturally, relatable, sensitive licensed providers ready to meet clients where they are, via their smart devices. The mental well-being of so many in these uncertain times is paramount to our community.

telehelp247.org

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