

COMMUNITY ALERT



October 5, 2010

AVP denounces violence at the Stonewall Inn and in Chelsea; calls for an end to the culture of violence; urges our communities to take action

Yesterday, AVP learned of two [appalling hate violence incidents](#) that occurred this past weekend in Chelsea and at the historic Stonewall Inn. “Even a bar like the Stonewall Inn, which plays an integral part in the modern gay rights movement, is not immune to this sort of violence,” said Sharon Stapel, Executive Director of the New York City Anti-Violence Project. “We will not allow perpetrators of anti-LGBTQ violence to come into our communities and target us. Today we send a strong message that our communities will not be intimidated by this violence and that we will stand up in the face of it and demand equality and respect. This is a wake-up call for every New Yorkers. We all have a responsibility to end this culture of violence against LGBTQ people, which has become so apparent in recent weeks.”

AVP is working with the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, the NYPD, the office of New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, and other City Council leaders on both of these incidents. Updates are available [here](#).

We call on our friends and supporters to join us for the following community actions. Let’s stand up and say that we will not tolerate this violence.

TAKE ACTION

- Meet up with AVP to promote community safety in all neighborhoods.
 - TONIGHT, Tuesday, October 5, outside the Stonewall Inn in the West Village, at 7:30 pm
 - TOMORROW, Wednesday, October 6, at the corner of 9th Avenue and 25th Street in Chelsea, at 6 pm
- Sign AVP’s [“I’m anti violence” pledge](#) and tell the world that all people should live free from fear of violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

For more information about these community actions, please contact our Local Organizer, Joyce Choi Won Li, at (212)714-1184 or jli@avp.org.

GET SUPPORT

AVP encourages you to report any anti-LGBTQ bias, including hate speech, bullying, harassment, and physical violence, to our **24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline at 212-714-1141** where you can speak with a trained counselor and seek the support you need.

Find out more about the New York City Anti-Violence Project at our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).