

# CALL

## FOR PROPOSALS

**The Chicago Torture Justice Memorial**  
New Deadline | 19 May 2012

### **Artists, Architects, Photographers, Writers, Poets, Musicians, Performers and Everyone Concerned with Justice!**

We invite artists and those who seek justice to submit proposals for a speculative monument to memorialize the Chicago Police torture cases. Over 100 African American men and women were tortured by white Chicago police officers and forced into giving confessions under former Commander Jon Burge. These memorial projects will serve as a public reckoning with police torture in Chicago and honor those who fought to stop it. We aim to make visible the social and political conditions that made torture possible, as well as the acts of courage that ended—or at least brought to light—the culture of impunity that thwarted justice for so long in this instance. Every submission will be an act of solidarity with torture survivors. We welcome proposals of radical imagination as we seek to honor the survivors of torture, their family members and the African American communities affected by the torture.

All submitted proposals will be exhibited at one or more of the following venues: Chicago area art galleries, community centers, and a dedicated website. We hope this project will help to build a social movement strong enough to deter these and other acts of torture and transform our broken criminal justice system.

[www.chicagotorture.org](http://www.chicagotorture.org)

#### **Sponsor**

Chicago Torture Justice Memorial Project

#### **Venue**

Sites throughout the Chicagoland area and a website

#### **Curators**

A panel of prominent area critics, artists, and community members will curate the submissions into roving exhibitions.

#### **Eligibility**

Submissions may be made by a person of any age and nationality.

#### **Criteria for Proposals**

A proposed monument may take any form—from architecture to haiku, from website to mural, from community organization to performance, from bronze plaque to large-scale memorial.

#### **Submission Process**

The submission can be in the form of a PDF, PPT, webpage, or other accessible electronic format. Non-electronic submissions will also be accepted.

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