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New York Elected Officials and Community Leaders support release of Puerto Rican political prisoner Oscar López Rivera, say 31 years in prison is enough!

A press conference/rally on Friday, November 30, at Local 1199 Auditorium, 310 W. 43rd St., at 6pm, will serve as a “send-off” to a delegation of New York elected officials who will accompany U.S. Rep. Luis Gutiérrez (Illinois) on a special visit to meet with López Rivera in federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana on Sunday December 2.

Oscar López Rivera has served more than 30 years in prison for his political beliefs, he was not accused or convicted of causing harm or taking a life. He is serving a sentence of 70 years. His release date is 2023.

Members of the delegation to visit López Rivera include Gustavo Rivera, New York State Senator from the 33rd Senate District; José Rivera, New York State Assemblyman from Assembly District 78; and Melissa Mark Viverito, New York City Council member for Council District 8.

Elected officials, leaders of churches and religious organizations, leaders of the community, and activists in the City and State of New York are adding their voices to the growing chorus asking for López Rivera’s release from prison. “After serving 31 years in prison, it’s time to bring him home,” said Council member Mark Viverito.

“What a holiday gift it would be, for Oscar to celebrate Christmas with his family for the first time in over three decades,” said his daughter, Clarisa, who will also be at the press conference.