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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Spouse: Jonathan Henry

Children: 2 (4 years old boy, 1 year old girl)

Properties Owned

1536 W. Summit (house), 1538 - 42 (apartments)

1529 W. 19th Street (house)

- 1st District
- Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Area
- 2 blocks from Cabrillo High
- 1 1/2 blocks from West Division Police Station

Issues with in community:

- Trash
- Graffiti
- Absentee Landlords
- Longo Gang Members
- Property owners not taking care of property
- Renters not taking care of property
- Property owners making changes to property with ~~out~~^{out} proper permits

City Agencies

- West Police Station
- Development
 - Code Enforcement
 - NIS staff
- Council Office
- Housing Authority - Section 8
- Refuse
- Gang Task Force
- Graffiti Task Force

Specific Problem Properties

1531 W. 19th Street

1533 W. 19th Street

1552 W. Summit Street

1545 W. 19th Street

Concern: lack of communication between the various agencies. Due to this lack of communication it makes it very difficult to get issues resolved in a timely manner. I understand that the city lacks personnel to deal with some issues. I live in a Neighborhood Improvement Area, yet I do not see anything being improved. I only see the perpetuation of the various issues.

Request: I would like to see some communication developed between the agencies and some team work and more collaboration between them and the community.

I would like to see property owners, especially rental property owners made accountable for the upkeep of their property. Rental property is a business therefore it should be handled like one.



8-22-06
3 mattresses, were
placed in alley last
week



6-19-06
The puddle was caused
by a slow leak, that
lasted for over two
weeks, the property
owner would not
respond to the calls
that he had a leak.
The leak was taken
care of after the
council office placed a
call to the owner.



8-22-06

This property is usually
only cleaned up after a
complaint has been made.
The lawn service blows the
trash into the street or into
neighboring yards.



4-24-06



6-12-06

Visitor of a tenant in the adjacent building backed into my neighbor's garage at a high speed, ripping the door from the hinges, and then sped through the alley, nearly hitting a woman and her children. Yet, the tenant claims to not know who did it, but 12 witnesses saw her in the vehicle at the time. It took police officers 45 minutes to respond. The office that came out disregarded what the witnesses saw, because they were children.



5-23-06

It took the property management 14 days to have this graffiti removed, but, only after a LBPD officer called and explained the severity of allowing graffiti to remain in this area. The property owner felt that it was the city's responsibility to clean it up. At the time the graffiti removal team stated they were 45 days behind. Each night, following the first tagging (5-12-06) additional graffiti was added. Property management became aware of the graffiti on 5-13-06.



9-8-05



8-03-05

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In February of 1990 The Long Beach City Council adopted a new approach to assist neighborhoods troubled by serious social, economic and physical problems. Called the Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS), this new approach aims to improve the quality of life in targeted neighborhoods through an innovative collaboration between the City, other agencies and neighborhood residents.

The NIS program is based on three overarching principles:

1. **DELIVERY OF SERVICES MUST BE TAILORED TO DEAL WITH THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF THE TARGET AREA.**
2. **COORDINATION AMONG CITY DEPARTMENTS WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES TO NEIGHBORHOODS MUST BE IMPROVED.**
3. **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS IS NECESSARY FOR ANY LASTING IMPROVEMENT TO BE ACHIEVED.**

Traditionally, the City provided a uniform level of services to all its neighborhoods. The NIS program departs from this approach by coordinating and concentrating City services on a geographic basis according to need. This ensures that the neighborhoods facing the most serious obstacles receive the additional support and services they require.

The Neighborhood Improvement Strategy also emphasizes the importance of community participation in achieving long lasting success in these areas. Neighborhood associations and residents play a central role in identifying the needs of the neighborhoods and in development solutions to their problems.

SELECTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY AREAS

Since 1990 ten neighborhoods have been designated as Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) areas by the Long Beach City Council. The neighborhoods have been selected based on the following data analysis:

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Crimes against persons and property
- Fire responses
- Paramedic responses

SOCIAL INDICATORS

- Number of welfare recipients
- Income of residents
- Absentee ownership of residential properties

PROPERTY CONDITIONS

- Number of Property Maintenance/substandard building cases
- Requests for health inspections
- Calls for graffiti removal

This information is periodically updated and is used to evaluate the success of each NIS area.

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