

The Village Drummer

Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6



Democracy is About Sharing

Luis South

One of our community's strongest features is the idea that we run what takes place in our area through holding regular community meetings. When we meet with a very conscious mindset that sharing our ideas helps to develop understanding it allows for the most progressive developments to take root, growth happens according to the will of the people who come to openly participate in our community forums.

Although the people who come are each very different one from the other we have found that it is possible to come to a point where we have a consensus. In other words we have always been able to share our different views in order to finally say what ideas are important to us a democratic group of people.

The beauty of being a part of a democratic forum is to be on top of all the changes that are

coming and to watch those changes take shape. The richest life anybody can live is to be a part of a democratic set up that allows each and every voice to be heard so that *all* ideas can become a part of the change process.

Our upcoming community forums will make it possible for everyone attending to join in and be a part of the change process. The more the merrier, the better changes come.

Jefferson Park Neighbors

September 2006

• **NEXT MEETING**
Jeff Park Neighbors
Wed., September 27th

7-9 p.m.

Holy Name School
1955 W. Jefferson Bl.

Special Places in the Hood

Assemblyman Mike Davis *

(323) 292-4402

Trinity Baptist Church *

2040 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Chico's Barber Shop *

2222 W. Jefferson Blvd.

One Stop Market *

2115 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Smile Mart *

3115 S. Western Ave.

Holy Name School *

1955 W. Jefferson Blvd.

* **For More Info call**
Luis South @ (323) 370-9140

Featuring Mike Davis!

by Luis South

Mike Davis is our newly elected State Assembly member representing the 48th District in the California State Assembly. He's the one to go to for all matters concerning state government. Chief

among his responsibilities is to serve as an informer to the community about how state funded institutions affect our lives. Mike has accepted to come talk with us at both Jefferson Park

Neighbors meetings set for this month September 20th and again on September 27th. Please read ads and article in this newsletter for locations and time.

Jefferson Park West Meeting

If you read the original documents that created Celerity Charter School you will see that they committed to becoming a meeting place for the Jefferson Park Neighbors. They are now, after one year in existence, fulfilling that idea.

September 20th will be the first meeting of Jefferson Park Neighbors on the west side. The school’s administration agreed to offer their cafeteria for free on a monthly basis (every third Wednesday from 7-9 p.m.).

cooks to supply some cultural dishes for a great dinner for all. There are many issues affecting the residents on the west side. All of Jefferson Park is invited to come support this forum at 3417 W. Jefferson Blvd.

We’ll get the neighborhood

Aloe for Emergency Planning *by Luis South*

Think ahead. Think medically.

There are so many things that can happen to suddenly change the course of our lives. In Southern California it is wise to prepare for an earthquake. When the Northridge earthquake came we felt the shake too. Many of us felt it hard enough that we got out of bed in the middle of the night to say a

few words to our neighbors, reality check. Then the horror of what happened took up a lot of media space for many weeks after that. Yes, real estate was devastated in many areas. The images of how the residents in Northridge had to live looked like another country where a war had taken place.

We’ll have pamphlets from the Fire Dept. about preparedness.

Always remember to plant things that grow continually and serve as part of your emergency plans.

Aloe is one of the most medicinal plants on the planet and it serves as a great source vitamin E. Aloe will keep you and the ones you love healthy. So grow aloe as much as possible.

The New Changes in Public

It’s not the easiest subject to talk about, but we must work together to bring home changes in how public education is managed. That potentially affects massive changes in private schools and charter schools. Public education has always set the pace for all

schools teaching kindergarten through college.

Some people ask, “How can I possibly get involved with the discussion about changes that need to take place in schools if I’m not an expert on that subject?”

Any educator who understands will tell you that without the minds and spirit of regular folks prominent from the very beginning—which is now—we will most likely end up right back where we started.

Your presence and your ideas

The New Changes in Public Education

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matter. Success is only possible with the voice of the people. The new law affecting public education in Los Angeles was passed through the California State Assembly. That law is called AB 1381. When that law passed in August 2006 (two weeks ago) it set the stage to allow greater community participation. That's a blessing because now we have the chance to *democratically* better control how our public schools are governed. It's not about political control where any one individual is going to operate like a tyrant to do anything they feel like. That can only happen if people allow themselves to be turned off, sleep while the place burns. That's the trick about how dictators are born. They need people who give up early, before the struggle even begins. *You*, the people, are the new

change in public education. *Your* ideas and participation are important because there will be no change for the better without strong united community involvement. The Jefferson Park Public Library will make hard copies available at your request. It is also available on the internet at www.educounselor.com Just click on "NEW LEGISLATION".

Democracy is an idea that works best when there is an informed public. Jefferson Park has a strong history of democracy. The rule of

**Holy Name
Catholic School**

**The Historic Icon
School in
Jefferson Park**

**Openings Available
For Elementary k-2**

Call (323) 731-2225

**Korean American
Grocers Association**

**Thank you for building and investing more to make
our community a special place. You are respected
members of our Jefferson Park village.**

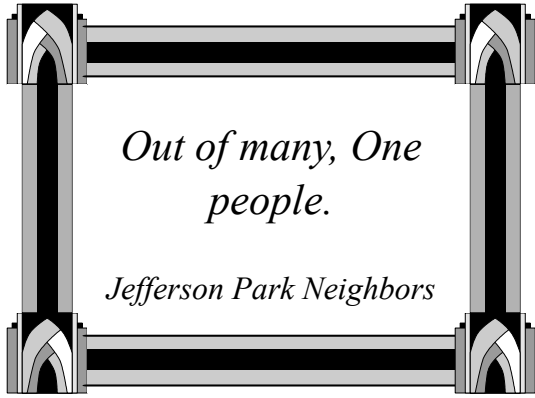
September 30th at Trinity Baptist

Trinity Baptist Church invites the entire community to come enjoy the festivities of their annual **Friends and Family Day** on Saturday, September 30th. This is an annual celebration that invites the entire community to come experience the joy of togetherness. We

are one. Also, the next day that weekend (Sunday) will be a special sermon and festivities afterwards.

The church is located at 2040 W. Jefferson Blvd. Please call the church office at (323) 735-0044 to get more information.

**In order to make our upcoming public forums most interesting please read this legislation now on the internet:
<http://www.educounselor.com>. Click on "NEW LEGISLATION"**



*Out of many, One
people.*

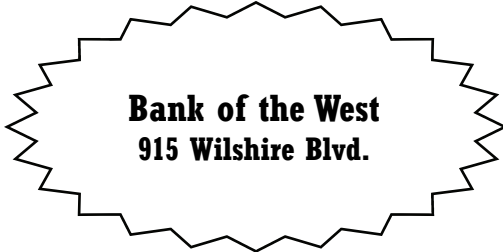
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**Bank of the West
915 Wilshire Blvd.**

Mike Davis Part II

**Our New Assemblyman has agreed to be
our featured guest this month.**

Wednesday, September 27th

Holy Name School Auditorium

1955 W. Jefferson Blvd.

7-9 p.m.

**This will be a specially prepared
community showcase forum**

**Our area's Lead Officer from LAPD is:
Ofc. Brandy Hill (323) 847-5804**



ON THE CORNER *by Luis South*

A continuing series focused on community development

We are in witness-
ing the last phase
of the development
on Steve's corner
(Jefferson Blvd. at
Arlington Ave.)



Jefferson Blvd. at Arlington Avenue

I stopped by to see
Steve the other
day. His wife told
me to look for him
working in one of
the new store fronts. The search to
locate him was interesting. What I
discovered is: it takes a lot of hard
work to open a newly developed

business! And
where did I find
our most vener-
able brother?
Sleeping like a
baby. I know ex-
haustion when I
see it. This guy
works hard. So I
left him in deep
slumber. We will
have to make a
very big community celebration
when this place finally opens be-
cause it has taken a lot imagina-
tion and caring to make it happen.

Our Monthly Meeting

**Wednesday, September 27th
7:00– 9:00 p.m.**

**Holy Name of Jesus
Catholic School**

**48th District Assemblyman
Hon. Mike Davis
Focuses on State Laws**