



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Neighborhood Law Corps Holds Follow-up Town Hall Meeting on Nuisance Liquor Stores

Oakland City Attorney John Russo and Pastor Curtis Robinson
Join Forces to Address Problem

- WHEN:** Saturday, March 18th 10am – 11:30am
- WHERE:** Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, 3209 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
(cross street 32nd Street) Oakland
- WHAT:** Town Hall Meeting to follow-up on liquor stores.
- WHO:** Oakland City Attorney John Russo
Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Curtis Robinson
Neighborhood Law Corps Attorney Ethan Nasr
West Oakland community members

BACKGROUND

The Neighborhood Law Corps (NLC) is a community lawyering program that works on behalf of the neighborhood to tackle problem liquor outlets, bars, drug houses and blighted and inhumane housing conditions. Problem liquor stores have been the nexus for nuisance behavior such as littering, loitering, drug dealing and violence in many Oakland neighborhoods.

In 2004, the NLC issued a report called “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly” providing a city-wide assessment of the impact of liquor stores. The community named three liquor stores rated ‘bad’ within a six block radius from the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church and the City Attorney’s office to help ‘clean them up.’ Russo and Neighborhood Law Corps attorney Ethan will report back on the progress so far.

In 2005, The Neighborhood Law Corps was awarded the Grand Prize for the [League of California Cities’](#) Helen Putnam Award for Excellence. The Putnam Awards recognize outstanding achievements by California’s 477 cities. Cities are recognized for making unique contributions to improve the quality of life for community residents and businesses.