



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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## Neighborhood Law Corps Hosts Town Hall Meeting on Nuisance Liquor Stores

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

- WHEN:** Saturday, February 25th 10am – 11:30am
- WHERE:** Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, 3209 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
(cross street 32<sup>nd</sup> Street) Oakland
- WHAT:** Town Hall Meeting to address problem 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

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### 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. Currently, there are five liquor stores rated ‘bad’ within a six block radius from the town hall meeting site at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church.

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.