



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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## Neighborhood Law Corps Honors Committed Citizens Celebrates Victories

**What:** Community Recognition Celebration

**When:** **Friday, January 28, 2005 at 6 pm.**

**Where:** Centro de Juventude, 3209 Galindo St. at Fruitvale Ave.

**Who:** City Attorney John Russo  
City Council President Ignacio De La Fuente  
Over 60 neighbors from the Fruitvale, San Antonio, Laurel, and Diamond areas of Oakland

### **BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the event is to recognize those community members and city employees for their partnership, collaboration and hard work in addressing quality of life issues in the Fruitvale, San Antonio, Laurel, and Dimond areas of Oakland.

With the help and support of these individuals, the Neighborhood Law Corps has been able to:

- abate nuisances at 4 liquor establishments in the Fruitvale
- abate narcotic activity at two drug houses in Districts 4 & 5
- and file a groundbreaking lawsuit against an Oakland housing provider for her unfair business practices and failure to maintain 18 properties in Oakland.

The Neighborhood Law Corps (NLC) is a unique, innovative community lawyering program created by Oakland City Attorney John A. Russo. Designed to be proactive, neighborhood-based, and community-directed, the Neighborhood Law Corps brings resources and remedies into the community to address and solve problems early on before they become embedded, long-term issues. NLC focuses on three areas: blight and housing code violations, toxic pollution, and consumer education.