

Channel 35 Speech

Hi- I'm Councilmember Ed Reyes.

Eight years ago, together we set out an ambitious agenda to make certain that the First Council District received its fair share of city resources.

By working with leadership from each of our neighborhoods we focused on clean streets, safe neighborhoods more park space and more housing for our community.

Since my election in 2001 we have constructed four new libraries in Pico Union, Highland Park, Chinatown and Cypress Park.

I spearheaded city-wide housing policies that allowed us to construct more than 1700 affordable housing units for our residents.

-I secured and invested more than one million dollars in the "Clean Streets and Clean Neighborhoods" program which put our youth to work on cleaning up and beautifying their own neighborhoods

-I secured funding for the construction and design of 3 new police facilities including a new station in rampart and a new division for the central city.

-I worked with other local leaders to design and construct three new high schools and one new middle school that keep our children from being bused...

And working with residents throughout the district , we created more than 70 acres of NEW open park space and recreation facilities including Rio de Los Angeles State Park and Los Angeles State Historic Park.

But still, there is much to finish....and as we enter these uncertain economic times it's important that residents of the First District NOT lose any of its hard fought gains, and for that we need experienced leadership.

That's why I need your support again. We must not only finish this community agenda, but expand it.

Working with my council colleagues, the Mayor and Chief Bratton we will continue to make fighting crime a priority for our neighborhoods. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at my monthly town hall meetings, I can assure you than if re-

elected I will continue to host town hall meetings in your neighborhoods where I will bring the city family to hear about your concerns

I will continue to focus on job creation for our youth.

I will continue to expand and improve our infrastructure including repairing our streets and sidewalks, increasing street lighting and opening more community centers.

But for that I need your vote. So please, make sure to not only vote on March 3rd, but to vote for this agenda.

I'm Councilmember Ed P Reyes. And I thank you for your support.