

HELLO, I'M COUNCILMAN TONY CARDENAS. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING YOU IN THE SIXTH COUNCIL DISTRICT FOR THE LAST 3 AND A HALF YEARS.

I AM A NATIVE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.

I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE AND ATTENDED LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

MY WIFE AND I ARE RAISING OUR CHILDREN IN THE VALLEY AND THEY NOW ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE VALLEY.

I FIRST RAN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE BECAUSE I KNEW THE CHALLENGES OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FACED.

I WANTED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THE VALLEY, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR SCHOOLS HAVEN'T ALWAYS GOTTEN A FAIR SHARE.

AS A THREE-TERM STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, I WROTE LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THAT THE VALLEY GOT ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE MONEY TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS.

TODAY, OVER 17 NEW SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN BUILT IN THE VALLEY. I ALSO WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR STUDENTS HAD THE TEXTBOOKS AND CLASSROOM MATERIALS THEY NEEDED.

I CHANGED THE STATE LOTTERY TO MAKE SURE A BIGGER SHARE OF MONEY WENT TO BUYING NEW TEXTBOOKS FOR OUR KIDS.

ON THE CITY COUNCIL, I AM CONTINUING THE WORK I STARTED AT THE STATE LEVEL TO REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE.

TO DATE, THE SCHIFF-CARDENAS ACT PROVIDES OVER A \$100 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO FIGHT GANG VIOLENCE.

ON THE CITY COUNCIL, I CHAIR THE COMMITTEE ON GANGS.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE CITY IS SPENDING YOUR TAX DOLLARS WISELY ON GANG PROGRAMS THAT ARE EFFECTIVE. IT'S ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY.

I'M MAKING SURE THESE PROGRAMS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR RESULTS.

MOST RECENTLY, I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO KEEP BETTER TRACK OF GANG MEMBERS.

FOR ME, IT'S ABOUT PROTECTING RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE. I PUT TOGETHER OUR CITY'S FIRST TASK FORCE ON ANIMAL CRUELTY. ITS FIRST PROSECUTION PUT AWAY A KNOWN GANG MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS FOR ABUSING A FAMILY PET.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS BEEN A BIG FOCUS FOR ME.

WE INCREASED PROSTITUTION TASKFORCE OPERATIONS IN VAN NUYS. IN 14 MONTHS, POLICE HAD ARRESTED MORE THAN 450 PEOPLE FOR PROSTITUTION-RELATED CRIMES.

BUT CRIME PREVENTION IS NOT DONE BY POLICE ALONE. IT TAKES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

IN THE LAST 3 YEARS MY OFFICE HAS HELPED START DOZENS OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS. TODAY WE HAVE NEARLY 60 ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING TO CLEAN UP OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN PEOPLE FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHERE THEY LIVE, THEY ARE INSPIRED. IT'S ABOUT COMMUNITY PRIDE.

WE HAVE ORGANIZED NEARLY A HUNDRED COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS AND REMOVED MORE THAN 5500 TONS OF TRASH FROM OUR STREETS.

LASTLY, I HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION FOR CLEANING UP OUR ENVIRONMENT.

IN SUN VALLEY, I CREATED THE NATIONS FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ZONE.

I HAVE ALSO SECURED FUNDING TO STUDY AIR POLLUTION IN THE AREA.

WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US AND I WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU.

I'M MAKING SURE OUR COMMUNITY IS CLEANER, SAFER AND STRONGER.

I'M WORKING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AND I'M GETTING THINGS DONE.

I WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOUR VOTE ON MARCH 6TH.