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Dispute Resolution Program

Why is mediation beneficial?

- ◆ A neutral mediator helps with the negotiation process.
- ◆ Each side is encouraged to suggest solutions to the problem.
- ◆ The mediator does not decide who is right, but helps the parties collaborate to reach a fair and reasonable decision.
- ◆ Individuals have control over the decisions that affect their future.
- ◆ The goal is a mutually acceptable resolution for all parties.

Mediation is Quick

- ◆ Mediation takes place outside of the slow and crowded court system.
- ◆ After all parties agree to participate, mediation can be scheduled immediately.
- ◆ Mediators negotiate with all parties involved to find solutions as quickly as possible.

Mediation is Free

- ◆ No costly attorney fees and court expenses.
- ◆ Mediation through the DRP is free to all residents and persons who have conducted business in Los Angeles County, regardless of income.
- ◆ The DRP provides additional free services including information, referrals, problem assessment, conciliation, facilitation, fact-finding and consultation. (A volunteer mediator) did an outstanding job of resolving my case, but more importantly, she cared while she was doing it."

The DRP mediates

All types of civil disputes

- ◆ Business related
- ◆ Community related
- ◆ Consumer / merchant
- ◆ Employment related
- ◆ HIV/AIDS discrimination
- ◆ Landlord / tenant
- ◆ Matters related to ethnicity and/or race
- ◆ Neighborhood
- ◆ School related
- ◆ Violence prevention

The DRP also provides training and consultation

- ◆ Basic mediation training for a diverse population
- ◆ Advanced mediation training to handle cultural issues
- ◆ Facilitation and dialogue training
- ◆ Fact-finding and systems design

Who can go to mediation?

Any Los Angeles County resident or person who has conducted business in the Los Angeles City.

Mediation Services

Three Offices to Serve You:

Main Office

Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
222 So. Hill Street, 6th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 485-8324
TDD/TTY Phone (213) 485-0757
Fax: (213) 485-8916
(213) 485-8565

San Fernando Valley Office

Limited hours
19040 Vanowen Street
Reseda, CA 91335
(818) 756-9601
Fax: (818) 342-0738

West Los Angeles Office

Limited hours
1828 Sawtelle Blvd., Room 101
Los Angeles, CA 90025
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“These services are made possible through major support from the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services through the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act”



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North Reseda (North of Sherman Way) crime numbers through the month of June shows a 8.6% decrease overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes, compared to last year's numbers through June. South Reseda (South of Sherman Way) experienced a 14.3% increase in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes compared to June 2013's numbers. The crimes for which there was an increase include GTA's (33 additional GTAs), Theft (8 additional) and Burglary/Theft from Vehicle (31 additional). Remember to be aware of your surroundings and if you see something, say something to prevent yourself and others from being victims of crime. Also keep your neighborhood safer by getting to know your neighbors and agreeing to look out for each other. Remember, to reduce Reseda's crime, "**Lock It, Hide It, Keep It**" to keep your property from being taken from your vehicle. Your Senior Lead Officers can also give you advice on how to keep your belongings safe from thieves.

Next Neighborhood COUNCIL Meeting – Monday July 14, 2014 at 7: 00 p.m.
at the American Legion Post located at 7338 Canby Ave, Reseda

Contact Officer Parra for information on the next Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

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Tarzana's crime numbers show a 11.1% reduction overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes, compared to June 2013's numbers. The crimes for which there was an increase include GTA's (8 additional GTA), and Burglary/Theft from Vehicle (6 additional Burglary/Theft from Vehicle). Remember, to reduce Tarzana's crime, "**Lock It, Hide It, Keep It**" to keep your property from being taken from your vehicle. Your Senior Lead Officer can also give you advice on how to keep your belongings safe from thieves.

Next Neighborhood COUNCIL Meeting – Tuesday July 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
at Topeka Elementary located at 5700 Topeka, Tarzana

Contact Officer Scoggins for information on the next Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

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Encino's crime numbers show a 57.1% increase overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes compared to June 2013's numbers. The crimes for which there was an increase were Robbery (7 additional Robberies), and Aggravated Assaults (2 additional Aggravated Assaults). Remember to continue to **"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"** to keep your property from being taken from your vehicle. Also keep your neighborhood safer by getting to know your neighbors and agreeing to look out for each other. Your Senior Lead Officer can also give you advice on how to make your home a harder target for burglars.

Next Neighborhood COUNCIL Meeting – Tuesday July 15, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.-1:00pm
at Monterey at Encino located at 16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino

Contact Officer Oakley for information on the next Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

LAKE BALBOA:

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Lake Balboa's crime numbers show a 4.8% increase overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes compared to June 2013's numbers. The crimes for which there was an increase were Aggravated Assaults (2 additional Aggravated Assaults) and Burglary (9 additional Burglaries). Remember to reduce Lake Balboa's crime, **"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"** to keep your property from being taken from your vehicle. Also keep your neighborhood safer by getting to know your neighbors and agreeing to look out for each other. Your Senior Lead Officer can also give you advice on how to make your home a harder target for burglars.

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West Lake Balboa (from Balboa / Woodley Parks and the area West of the Van Nuys Airport) crime numbers show a 34.9% increase overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes, compared to June 2013's numbers. The crimes for which there was an increase compared to June 2013 were Robbery (3 additional), and Aggravated Assaults (15 additional) Burglaries. (4 additional in East Lake Balboa).

Remember to be aware of your surroundings and if you see something, say something to prevent yourself and others from being victims of crime. Also keep your vehicle in your garage overnight or parked and secured in a well-lit area. Remember, to reduce crime and keep you from becoming a victim, **"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"** and keep your property from being stolen from your vehicle.

Next Neighborhood COUNCIL Meeting – Wednesday August 6, 2014 at 6:30 pm
17100 Gault St., Reseda

Contact Officer Ham or Officer Olivares for information on the next Lake Balboa Neighborhood Watch Meeting.