



Gang Violence: Real Problems and Real Solutions For Puget Sound

Sponsored by the Seattle City Council

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 ♦ 7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Bertha Knight Landes Room, City Hall
600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98124**

You are invited to an evening of focused and frank conversation with national and local experts, community leaders and involved citizens about the growing problem of Gang Violence in Puget Sound. This event continues the tradition of The Thomas C. Wales Foundation in convening symposia to engage the community in discussing important public issues. We hope that you will be able to join us!

- How big is the gang problem in Puget Sound? Is this a local, regional or national problem?
- How are local, state and federal law enforcement organizations addressing the gang problem?
- What approaches to prevention and intervention have been attempted? What works, what doesn't?
- What are schools and community organizations doing to prevent youth involvement in gangs?

City Councilman Tim Burgess will introduce the distinguished speakers, including the keynote speaker, **The Hon. Richard A. Jones**, United States District Court. **Enrique Cerna** of *KCTS 9 Connects* will then guide a conversation among distinguished and knowledgeable panelists about how our community can come together to best address this important problem.

Eleuthera Lisch, Program Director, YMCA Alive and Free/Street Soldiers

Mariko Lockhart, Director, Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, City of Seattle

Dennis Turner, Co-Founder, Building The Bridges Organization, Tacoma

Lieutenant Ronald Wilson, Gang Unit Commander, Seattle Police Department

Phelan Wyrick, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs

Join the conversation. Work towards real solutions. Community and neighborhood leaders – bring your group! Teachers, counselors and students – bring your students. Citizens – bring your commitment to improving our community.

Co-presenting organizations: CityClub, Safety and Security Department Seattle Public Schools, SOAR, Center for American Politics and Public Policy-University of Washington, Law, Societies, & Justice-University of Washington, Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, YWCA of Seattle, King & Snohomish Counties, and Washington Ceasefire.

This event is free of charge

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