

Our Community

A broad range of people call *skid row* their home including hard core drinkers, drug dealers, and prostitutes, people in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse, the newly homeless, parolees, victims of domestic violence and abuse, veterans, the physically disabled, the working poor, immigrants, and families, especially women with children.

People here on a daily basis endure threats to their health and safety. This is why a *Safe Haven Neighborhood* is so desperately needed; a place where people can focus on their recovery, staying sober and making positive changes in their lives and community.

Our *Safe Haven Neighborhood* is a place where people can give and receive help. It is a healthy neighborhood; a place where families and children are safe from the constant exposure to drug sales and use, prostitution, crime, and violence.



What you can do!

If you sell drugs

- Stop selling drugs and taking advantage of your own people. You are destroying lives.
- Find another hustle or job opportunity.
- Look for programs that can help you.
- If you sold drugs in the past, talk to those that are selling and let them know that they have options.

If you use drugs

- You have the power to change your life by making healthy choices.
- Seek help from one of the programs here that help people with drug problems.
- Surround yourself with sober people and practice being sober.
- Seek help and support.

If you are in recovery

- Share your experience with people that are using.
- Take the "meeting" to the streets and let them know that there is hope and help.
- Be a role model for recovery and sobriety.

If you live here

- Lead by example. You are not alone. There are more people here that care about a safe neighborhood than there are people making the neighborhood unsafe.
- Work to make your building or community better.
- Speak up if people are doing things you don't approve of.
- Expect that people respect you and that they respect our neighborhood.

If you care about the neighborhood

- Listen to each other and partner to reach the level of security and stability we all seek.
- Demand that the people responsible for keeping our neighborhood safe are doing their job.
- Do what you can to provide opportunities for people to grow, share, learn, and work together.

What We Want

1. *A safe haven neighborhood* where people can get help, grow, and recover without being threatened and harassed.
2. *Community involvement* that provides leadership from residents and program participants.
3. *Activities* to make our neighborhoods safe, clean, and beautiful.
4. *Respect* for ourselves, our neighbors, and the entire community.
5. *Opportunities to discuss and solve community problems.*

**We meet every first and third Thursday at 2pm
at 800 E 6th Street.**

Get involved

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Creating a Safe Haven Neighborhood

