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700 RESIDENTS ATTEND LOCAL ACTION ASSEMBLY TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

LOCAL OFFICIALS MEET WITH LAKEVIEW RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF LGBTQ HOMELESS YOUTH, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Chicago, Illinois (June 24, 2010) – 700 residents of the Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and North Center neighborhoods gathered at Temple Shalom on Tuesday, June 22, for the Lakeview Action Coalition’s annual Action Assembly. There, leaders met onstage with elected-officials to both celebrate the accomplishments of the Lakeview Action Coalition (LAC), as well as to address the critical issues and needs facing community residents.

Community leaders received important commitments from the local officials to ameliorate the issues highlighted at the event. Significant victories include:

- Alderman Tunney and Alderman Daley agreed to co-sponsor the Sweet Home Chicago Ordinance, which will require 20% of TIF funds to be spent on affordable housing. This brings the total number of co-sponsors to 25.
- 700 letters and postcards were signed to an absentee landlord and to Senator Durbin regarding a local Section 8 building that is at risk of losing its subsidy.
- Chicago Police Department Deputy Superintendent Brust committed to work with LAC on a policy concerning the treatment of transgender people in police custody.
- Department of Family and Support Services Deputy Commissioner Estrada committed to work with LAC to gain a shelter for youth aged 18-24 in Lakeview.

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- CEDA Director of Weatherization, John Hamilton, agreed to meet with LAC to strategize on how to extend the affordability requirements of weatherized low-income multi-family buildings.
- The health care task force received commitments from Senate President Cullerton and Representative Feigenholtz to work on state-wide legislation for charity care in the fall.
- LAC partnered with local hospitals and DePaul graduate nurses to address barriers to health care in the neighborhood. They hope to bring a community health center to the area to meet those needs.

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About Lakeview Action Coalition

Founded in 1993, Lakeview Action Coalition (LAC) is a non-profit, multi-issue community organization that fights for justice, solidarity and diversity. The Coalition is comprised of 43 institutional members, including religious congregations, non-profit agencies, banks, business associations, a credit union and a senior citizens caucus. These diverse institutions are stakeholders in the Chicago communities of Lakeview, Lincoln Park and North Center.

LAC enables its members to act on their values in public life by participating in the decisions that shape our community's future. LAC is funded by its member institutions, foundations and other donors and by earned income. Members pay substantial dues in order to provide local, independent funding.

Recognizing that Lakeview is part of a larger city and region, LAC was a founding member of United Power for Action and Justice in 1997, a coalition of organizations across metropolitan Chicago. In 2009, LAC affiliated with National People's Action, a coalition of grassroots organizations across the country.

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