

# LAC Lakeview Action Coalition

**Developing Leaders • Fostering Diversity • Acting Together for Justice**

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Action Update

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## LAC Prepares for Celebration, Victories at Action Assembly

In a few short weeks, LAC will hold an Action Assembly, formerly called a convention. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at member institution Temple Shalom. It will celebrate our victories, highlight our members, and demand responses from our local decision makers. Members have been working diligently to ensure that our logistics are sound, programming is exciting, and turnout is high!

Many local officials have been invited to attend and confirmations are coming in. As of now, Aldermen Tunney, Alderman Schuller, Alderman Shiller,

Alderman Waguespack, Representative Feigenholtz, Ric Estrada from the Department of Family and Support Services, Cook County Assessor Houlihan, 19<sup>th</sup> District Police Commander Kenny, and Weiss Hospital CEO Frank Molinaro are confirmed. Together, we will celebrate our victories from working together as well as present new requests for collaboration and accountability to the needs of their constituents.

We will focus on four main community issues at the assembly: affordable housing, accessible healthcare, homeless

youth, and environmental justice. Leaders will also discuss the state budget crises. LAC members will be updated on our most recent and exciting work and given specific actions they can take to move these issues forward!

A variety of entertainment will also keep the evening lively and the energy high. Youth dancers from YPC will perform as well as surprise entertainment from other local groups. For more information, including how you can participate in planning the action assembly contact LAC at 773-549-1947.

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## LAC Stages "Eat-In" at Ann Sather

Seeking Alderman Tunney's support for the Sweet Home Chicago Ordinance, more than 100 citywide residents descended on his Lakeview restaurant on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. LAC organized the event as a member of the Sweet Home Chicago Coalition,



Bikerdike leaders talk with Ald. Tunney.

A group of a dozen community and labor organizations working to get 20% of all TIF funds designated to the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

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# NPA Recap; LAC sends 17 leaders to DC

On May 15, LAC sent a delegation of 17 people to Washington, D.C. for the annual meeting of National People's Action. The weekend was action-packed. We participated in direct action trainings, two plenary meetings with hundreds of other leaders from across the country, and workshops on issues ranging from green jobs to immigration reform to NPA's vision of a new economy. Our own Barbara Campbell, board member and housing leader, was a featured speaker on the Housing Justice Movement panel. She spoke about the need for HUD to conduct a racial justice impact assessment. This would examine the racial impact of HUD's policies. She was also a featured speaker during the Sunday afternoon plenary.

After the trainings and workshops, NPA took to the streets and did direct action. On Sunday, 750 people piled into buses and we went to the homes of several banking officials and demanded that they stop



NPA members protest at Bank of America.

blocking financial reform.

Monday morning the action continued. We did several actions throughout the morning and ended with a big march on K Street. To begin, we visited the office of Janet Napolitano at ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). We also visited the offices of a lobbyist who has been fighting against a bill to strengthen tenant's rights. We capped off the day by rallying on K Street. Many of the unions joined us. We were 3,000-people strong and together we shut down K Street, home to the offices of the major lobbying firms that are blocking financial reform.

Bob Zuley, an LAC board member and housing leader, said "I enjoyed NPA and think we all benefited from participating in actions on national issues in the Capital with NPA colleagues from across the nation. So while we made our voices heard on housing and financial issues, as demonstrated by the Senate passage of a Wall Street reform bill on Thursday, the two actions at the suburban Maryland homes were great and reminds everyone that this is what democracy is all about. I'm

most pleased that we decisively engaged DHS ICE on the immigration issue."



LAC leader, Barbara Campbell, speaks at the NPA plenary.

It was a powerful and energizing weekend. Leaders from LAC were inspired by the tactics and campaigns they learned about in the workshops, the organization of the group during the direct action, and especially the direct actions themselves. Erin Ryan, executive director at the Lincoln Park Shelter, LAC board member, and a housing leader said, "The conference was a fantastic way to connect our local work with broader, national issues. It is very empowering to connect with people from all over the country working toward the same solutions for more just policies and healthier communities!"

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The Coalition has secured the support of 22 Aldermen (including Ald. Waguespack and Ald. Schulner of the Lakeview area), but Ald. Tunney has yet to agree to co-sponsor, despite his past and current support of LAC's affordable housing campaigns. The Alderman, who was present and working at his restaurant all day, heard from residents

from around the city about the importance of this Ordinance. We definitely caught his attention. He agreed to a meeting with LAC in June about the Ordinance, and to reaching out to Aldermen Burke and Suarez for a hearing of the Ordinance. Thanks to everyone in LAC and Sweet Home Chicago for making the day fun and a huge success!



LAC and Kenwood Oakland Community Organization leaders sit with Ald. Tunney

## 2010 Action Assembly Turnout Toolkit

*Logistics: Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 7:00-8:30pm, Temple Shalom (3480 N. Lake Shore Dr.)*

The following are tools LAC can offer institutions to help them spread the word about our Action Assembly:

- Fliers
- Announcements from LAC staff or leaders
- Squad sheets
- Assistance coordinating transportation
- Competition incentives
- Copies of the agenda and confirmed guests as they evolve

The following are tools leaders can employ at their institution to spread the word about our Action Assembly:

- Personal ask  
(This is the **most effective** method.)
- House meetings  
(Leaders can bring people together and a leader or staff can attend to get people excited about the assembly.)
- Bulletin announcements in regular publications the institution has
- Facebook and twitter announcements
- E-mail blasts and save the date notices

## Two New Member Institutions Join LAC!

### Northcenter Neighborhood Association

Northcenter Neighborhood Association (NNA) is a newly formed association that brings the neighbors of Northcenter together to achieve and preserve a vibrant community for living, working, learning and playing. One of our main goals is encouraging responsible development that includes diversity in housing and consideration for the environment.

The NNA was organized to create a network of neighbors committed to helping Northcenter residents and community members strengthen ties to one another. We offer Northcenter residents a way to: stay informed about what's hap-

pening in the neighborhood; gain awareness of issues facing the area; and find out about opportunities that exist to make Northcenter an even better place to live. In addition, NNA offers a variety of events and activities that bring neighbors together to build community ties.

The boundaries of the NNA are Addison on the south, the Chicago River on the west, Montrose on the north, and Ravenswood on the east.

### Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church

Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church (LPPC) is all about Living in Faith and Caring with Courage. This

brief mission statement of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church reflects what we strive for in our church life and much of what we have accomplished in the past:

- An anti-segregation building policy in the 1870's
- Resettlement of refugees after World War II
- Standing with the inclusive More Light movement beginning in the 1970's
- Involvement with the Lincoln Park Community Shelter starting in 1984 and continuing through the recent shelter redevelopment and housing

Our vision has been one of opening our doors to all of God's people. LPPC strives to make a house of faith and a home for all.

### LAKEVIEW ACTION COALITION MISSION STATEMENT

The Lakeview Action Coalition (LAC), a multi-issue community organization, enables its diverse institutional members to act collectively on their values in public life by participating in the decisions that shape our community's future. LAC fulfills this mission by organizing people around issues affecting our members and developing leaders through training action and reflection. LAC stands for justice, solidarity, and diversity.

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***Get Ready for Our  
June 22nd  
Action  
Assembly!***

**Our 2010 convention  
where we will celebrate our  
victories and push local de-  
cision makers to act is com-  
ing up quickly.**

***Tuesday,  
June 22nd,  
7pm  
Temple Shalom  
(3480 N Lakeshore)  
Doors open at 6:30pm***

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN YOUR ENERGY TO MAKING LAC A SUCCESSFUL  
CATALYST FOR SOCIAL CHANGE.**

**IF WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR JUSTICE, SOLIDARITY, AND DIVERSITY IN LAKEVIEW,  
WE ALSO NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

**ACT LOCALLY!**

ENCLOSED IS MY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF:

\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ OTHER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTION : \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU!**