

## Newsbrief

### ANTI-GANG/ANTI-GUN PROPOSAL:

To combat gang crime and gun violence, Councilmembers Jack Weiss and Janice Hahn, Club Member, proposed a new law to prohibit individuals convicted of certain misdemeanors from owning a firearm for ten years. The proposal aims to reduce the likelihood of individuals who commit gateway crimes, such as burglary, from escalating into violent gang crimes and also targets individuals convicted of misdemeanor firearm and gang-related offenses.

"Although crime is down in Los Angeles, there is still too much gun violence, with 138 victims of gun violence already this year, and 90 of those crimes were gang related," Councilmember Jack Weiss said. "It's time for more aggressive and more creative measures to stop the killing."

"People who commit these types of crimes have already demonstrated bad judgment, and this ordinance gives us one more tool to keep guns out of their hands and off the streets of Los Angeles," Councilwoman Janice Hahn said. "We know that many hardened criminals start out by committing misdemeanors, and this will be an important step in curtailing more serious criminal activity."

This proposal will help to keep guns out of the hands of convicted criminals, particularly those who join gangs and commit crimes while in those gangs. Under state law, individuals who commit certain misdemeanor crimes are prohibited from owning, possessing, purchasing, receiving, or having in their custody or control, any firearm for ten years from the date of the conviction. Several misdemeanor crimes that are not part of this state law serve as precursors to gang membership and/or more violent gang-related crimes. The measure would expand the list of misdemeanor crimes that result in firearms prohibitions to include: carrying a concealed weapon, possession of an assault weapon, burglary and misdemeanor gang crimes.

Los Angeles is home to approximately 450 gangs and 40,000 gang members who regularly terrorize residents of the City. Most troubling is the large number of gang crimes that involve guns. Last year, there were 1,626 gunshot victims, and of those, 1,050 were gang-related.

Weiss and Hahn's measure will request that the City Attorney report on the feasibility of an ordinance consistent with state law to prohibit ownership, possession, purchase, or receipt of a firearm for ten years from the date of a misdemeanor conviction for the following crimes: carrying a concealed weapon, possession of an assault weapon, burglary, and any misdemeanor where, in conjunction with that misdemeanor, the defendant was convicted of a gang enhancement. The measure also requests that the City sponsor state legislation to incorporate these additional gun ownership restrictions into State law.

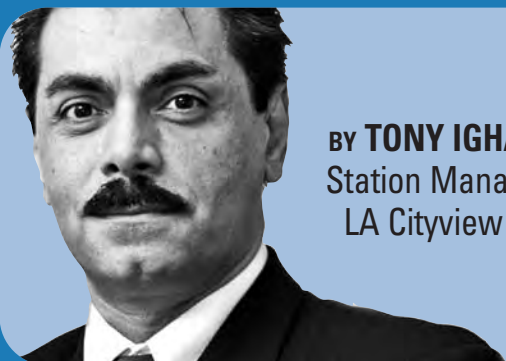
The proposal will be formally introduced to the City Council at an upcoming meeting, if it hasn't already.

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## Who Watches Channel 35? More Than a Half Million

How many people watch LA CityView 35? For years, we didn't have a good answer. But we do now.

We've known we have a lot of viewers based on the feedback from the community members and City Departments, but now with the help of Nielsen company, which rates and measures all commercial and non-commercial television viewers, we have real answers to the question. In short, the survey revealed that more than 55 percent of those who receive cable television services in Los Angeles know about Channel 35, and many watch it with some regularity. That's more than 600,000 homes that tune us in, and we thank our viewers for making our station a viable programming venue in Los Angeles.

We have a lot of programs lined up for March, and I hope you will enjoy watching them as much as we enjoyed making them.

### Program Highlights in March:

#### All About the Nine

Councilmember Jan Perry of Council District 9 takes the LA Cityview 35 audience on a 45-minute video tour of her Council District. District 9 has one of the most diverse populations, and is richer in cultural history and traditions, than many Los Angeles communities.

*Airs:* Mondays, March 9 and 23 at 10:50 a.m. and 9:55 p.m.

#### Faces of L.A.

*Faces of L.A.* is LA Cityview 35's series of short segments that look at the work and contributions of the many fine individuals who make a difference in the people of Los Angeles. These individuals and their outstanding achievements were recently recognized by the Los Angeles City Council during its weekly Awards and Proclamation ceremony.

Among the honorees featured this month are Chris Carter, host of "Breakfast with the Beatles" on 95.5 KLOS; Brian Center, Executive Director of *A Better LA*; Sonia Marie de Leon De Vega, Conductor of the Santa Cecilia Orchestra; Aquil Basheer, President and CEO of Maximum Force Enterprises; Fernando Pullum, trumpet player and Performing Arts Director with the Inner City Education Foundation; Bob Johnson of *L.A. Works*; Sam Danon, a local business man who feeds the poor; Beth Zachary, President and CEO of White Memorial Medical Center in East LA; and Sapu King, a 7-year-old golfer.

*Airs:* Daily

#### The Home Shopping Petwork

On the latest episode of "The Home Shopping Petwork," host Andrew Tarr vis-

its a "party animal" event: the annual Dog Fair at the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park. Plus, Andrew, along with Miki Shaler and Adan Lozoya of LA Animal Services, travel all the way to your living room to bring a whole new batch of "home shopping" pets to your TV.

*Airs:* Monday through Friday at 5 p.m.

#### Inside the LAPD

*Inside the LAPD* cameras take to the field with the gold-medal-winning LAPD Centurions baseball team. First established in 1913, the Centurions began playing for charity in 1929. Watch them in action both on the field and in the community. Grab your glove and let's play ball!

*Airs:* Thursdays, March 5 and 19 at 2 and 10 p.m.

#### L.A. Roundtable

LA Cityview 35's Emmy award-winning public affairs discussion series, *L.A. Roundtable*, returns with three new programs hosted by veteran newsman, Dave Bryan.

Former California State Governors, Pete Wilson and Gray Davis; *LA Times* Reporter Michael Hiltzik; and Joel Fox, lecturer at Pepperdine University and consultant on public policy issues, gather to discuss "California's Dysfunctional State Government." In a second episode, "The Future of the U.S. Supreme Court," a distinguished panel discusses the court's possible move leftward and includes Erwin Chemerinsky, the renowned constitutional law scholar who is now Dean of the UC Irvine School of Law, and Kenneth Starr, former Independent Prosecutor during the Clinton administration, and now Dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law. In the third

new episode, Dave Bryan has "A Conversation with Eli Broad." Mr. Broad, one of the most influential people in Southern California, is a member of numerous boards of public institutions, including the Museum of Contemporary Art, the L.A. County Museum of Art, CalTech, and the Smithsonian Institution. He's also a driving force behind the Grand Avenue project, envisioned as a major mixed-use development to be built near the Music Center.

*Airs:* Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m., and Fridays at 1:30 and 9:30 p.m.

#### The State of Poverty in L.A.

How should we as a society deal with the vexing problem of poverty? Seventh District Councilmember Richard Alarcon searches for answers to the important questions surrounding poverty in *The State of Poverty in L.A.*

In this program, Councilmember Alarcon conducts in-depth interviews with elected officials, academic experts, representatives from social service agencies, senior citizens, high school students, and the general public, to learn about the myths and realities surrounding poverty.

*Airs:* Mondays, March 9 and 23 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

#### 2008 Quality and Productivity Awards

Each year the Quality and Productivity Commission chooses outstanding programs and projects conducted by Los Angeles City Departments, and honors them with awards. Find out more about those outstanding programs.

*Airs:* Monday, March 2 and 16 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

For airing schedule of the above programs,  
and for more program listings and information, [www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org).



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