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## A LETTER FROM .....

### THE SUNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For fifteen years Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc. (SUNI) has been part of the fabric of our neighborhood. Its mission: to strengthen that fabric.

The association has worked successfully to: ►save Smedley Elementary School from demolition ►establish 1500 street trees ►close four liquor establishments that were drug hangouts ►promote ornamental gardening and improve Chaffee Park ►interest creative developers in Sunnyside ►write design standards for our commercial corridors ►develop a website ►maintain an excellent working partnership with the police ►advocate strongly for community policing ►keep in constant communication with our local elected leaders and city department personnel ►cooperate with other neighborhoods on shared interest ►raise the visibility and name recognition of the Sunnyside neighborhood.....to name a few!

Residents coordinated by SUNI are struggling to ensure that RTD does not cheat Sunnyside and NW Denver out of the benefits of light rail. Most recently, an ad hoc committee has worked with Traffic Engineering to draw up a provisional plan for slowing down traffic on some of our busier streets. That is the meaning of the new STOP sign at 44th and Clay.

Compared with other registered neighborhood organization's SUNI is exceptionally active. SUNI not only holds monthly public meetings, it also produces and publishes this monthly newsletter that is mailed to every address in the neighborhood. Our current problem: We can't afford to continue the newsletter operation on the present scale.

The Board of Directors believes that outreach to the entire neighborhood is crucial but the current breadth of newsletter activity requires the support of membership dues and contributions. Therefore, for the time being and until the organization can rebuild its reserves, the newsletter will only be mailed to dues-paying members.

In a true neighborhood, folks watch out for each other. They notice when somebody's garage door is left open—and they do something about it by telephoning or by knocking on the front door. SUNI has been doing a lot of that, in lots of different ways, for fifteen years. All of these efforts are valuable but they cost something. Please join. Please contribute today.

#### SUNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Karen Becker
- Linda Carabajal
- Lucy Cook
- Alice Gomez
- Keith Howard

- Jake Jakubowski
- Andrew Novick
- Anthony Rodriguez
- Rose Rodriguez
- Tracy Towle

### Will this be your last Sunnyside Newsletter?

After 15 years of sending the Sunnyside News to all of our 4000 residences and businesses, we very unfortunately may have to cut back to only sending it to our dues-paying members.

If you are a current member, THANK YOU! You will continue to receive the monthly newsletter, and also know that you are supporting all of the great things that Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc. is doing for our neighborhood.

Your membership dues support newsletter production (printing, mailing labels/address verification, postage), the general fund, and the legal fund.



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## JANUARY 11 MEETING

Presenters at the January meeting will include **Doug Carrigan** from Independence House on Pecos Street and Advantage Treatment Center on Tejon, **developer Mark Miser** will present his plans for 43rd & Bryant, and **Debbie Ortega** will speak on behalf of the mayor's 10 year plan to end homelessness.

General meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at Smedley Elementary School, 4200 Shoshone Street, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



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