

**West
Colfax
Association of
Neighbors**

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Special Election Candidate Forum

The Denver City Council has scheduled a special election to fill the vacated seat of District One Councilman Rick Garcia. The balance of the term, a little over one year, is an important time for *WeCAN*, so we need to know the candidates prior to voting.

A **Candidate Forum** co-sponsored by West Colfax Business Improvement District and *WeCAN* will be held **Wednesday, March 31, 6:00pm** in the main floor meeting room of Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman. Please plan to attend and make sure you are currently registered to vote.

Currently six candidates have confirmed they will participate in this forum: Larry Ambrose, John Haney, Ken Padilla, Paula Sandoval, Susan Shepherd & Georgia Signage. Please e-mail questions for the candidates to address to barbarabaker@wecanddenver.org.

Our sincere Thank You and best wishes are extended to Councilman Garcia who has been appointed by the Obama administration as the Rocky Mountain Regional Director of Housing and Urban Development.

New *WeCAN* Website

WeCAN has a new website address: www.wecanddenver.org. Our webmaster, Mike Garner, has graciously sponsored the

hosting fee for this year and, as a visit will confirm, has done an excellent job of building the site.

A great deal of information has been added to the website. Of particular interest is the link to the proposed bylaws for *WeCAN*. Take a few minutes and read this document as a vote to accept these bylaws will be held at this month's general membership meeting.

***WeCAN* General Membership Meeting Agenda**

March 9, 2010, 6:00 pm

Confluence Ministries Main Floor Meeting Room

1400 Quitman St.

Call to order and announcements

Denver Police Department, Officer Hicks

Discussion and voting on *WeCAN* Bylaws (currently posted on website)

6:30 pm... St. Anthony's Hospital Rezoning presentation (see **page 2** of newsletter) and discussion with other neighborhood organizations present

7:45pm... *WeCAN* registered members only... vote on rezoning.

As the West Colfax Association of Neighbors, known as *WeCAN*, our mission is that together WE CAN provide community support, safety and education with our neighborhood through volunteerism, pro active programs, outreach and kindness, all the while preserving our neighborhood's history, unique character and vast diversity.

St. Anthony's Hospital Rezoning

Recent modifications of the zoning needs for the redevelopment of St. Anthony's Hospital campus has created an immediate need for community input. *WeCAN* will host a community-wide informational meeting as part of its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the main floor meeting room of Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman.

At 6:00 p.m. *WeCAN* will have a short business meeting and Denver Police Officer Hicks will give a presentation on crime in the West Colfax neighborhood.

At 6:30 p.m. other area organizations (Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association, West Colfax Business Improvement District, West Colfax Partnership, Sloan's Lake Citizens Group and other area groups with an interest) will join *WeCAN* for a presentation and discussion of zoning issues relating to redevelopment of the hospital's sixteen acre campus.

It has long been believed that the redevelopment of the St. Anthony's Hospital campus, along with light rail, would be the catalyst for redevelopment of West Colfax.

Over the past decade West Colfax residents and business owners have participated in the development of three plans that include rezoning information and neighborhood desires for this parcel:

- Blue Print Denver (2002)
- St. Anthony's Redevelopment Task Force Report (2004)
- West Colfax Small Area Plan (2006)

The common thread through all of these recommendations is the need and desire for high density residential and mixed use development. In addition, each report includes a request that St. Anthony's leave a medical presence.

These are important issues to our neighborhood. Please plan to attend and bring a neighbor.

District 4 Caucuses to be held March 16

The democratic process marches forward in House District 4 at 7:00 p.m. March 16, 2010 with caucuses being held by both the Democrat and Republican parties. The Democrats will hold their district caucus at Cowell Elementary, 4540 W. 10th Avenue. The Republicans will host their caucus at Lake Middle School, 1820 Lowell Boulevard.

Large Item Pickup

The scheduled Large Item Pickup (LIP) for the *WeCAN* area is next week, March 8 - 12. Dumpster customers should have their large items out on Monday, Mar. 12 by 7 a.m.

The next scheduled LIP is May 10 - 14.

Fast Tracks West Corridor

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