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# PAINT *the* TOWN

## SUMMARY REPORT

September 11, 2010

NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region held our **21<sup>st</sup> annual Paint the Town event on Saturday, September 11, 2010** on San Carlos Way between 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Oak Park. This site was chosen because NeighborWorks® Sacramento is **renovating a vacant home on the block for resale to a new home owner.**

The day was full of activity as **over 80 volunteers and residents** worked together **to give a face-lift to six homes on the block.** Volunteers painted a home and garage, landscaped several yards, planted trees, fixed fences, repainted house numbers, removed debris and more!! Residents were thrilled to be working with volunteers from our sponsoring organizations, including Home Depot, Holt of California, Wells Fargo and GALA Construction. Other sponsors included El Dorado Savings Bank and Sacramento Association of Realtors.

Trent Sunahara with Congresswoman Matsui’s office, Mayor Kevin Johnson, Councilmember Lauren Hammond, County Supervisor Roger Dickinson and Chris Pahule, Celia Yniguez and Matt Hertel from Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) visited the event to thank the volunteers and residents. Univision interviewed a volunteer and filmed volunteers working on the many projects. Mayor Johnson took pictures with groups of volunteers and several elected officials toured the vacant home owned by NeighborWorks® Sacramento, which is being renovated through support from SHRA under the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program.



Volunteers from Holt of California paint sections of picket fence for the front yard of a *Paint the Town* home.



Trent Sunahara, Field Representative from Congresswoman Matsui’s office and Jeff Thomas, NeighborWorks® Sacramento Board President tour the house currently being renovated by NeighborWorks® Sacramento and view the progress of the *Paint the Town* volunteers.

Volunteers greatly appreciated the restructured **Paint the Town** format, which allowed volunteers to see the progress on several projects at once. It was very satisfying for volunteers to experience the progress throughout the day and the impact they had after just a few hours of hard work – a freshly painted home, several new fences, newly landscaped yards with beautiful plants and trees, and elated home owners.



Mayor Kevin Johnson with a group of volunteers from Holt of California and the home owner for one of the *Paint the Town* homes. Volunteers painted the home and garage and rebuilt the fence.

Residents could not have been more thrilled to participate in the project. One property owner donated use of his dumpster and made several runs to allow us to remove old fence board and other debris. Several homeowners have already told us they want to volunteer for next year’s **Paint the Town** to show their appreciation to NeighborWorks® Sacramento and to help other neighbors experience the benefit of this wonderful event!

