



Sixth District CJAN Newsletter

CSOSA's CJAN Forum

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On September 27, 2012, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) hosted its 10th Annual Citywide Community Justice Advisory Network (CJAN) forum. The theme was, "A Decade of Ensuring Public Safety." This year's forum was held at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Center, and our guest speaker was the Honorable Philip H. Mendelson, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia. Mendelson came to the District from Cleveland, Ohio in 1970 to attend American University. He arrived to the District with a strong sense of civic responsibility, pride and activism; personal attributes that can be attributed to his mother and grandmother who received national acclaim for standing up for separate neglected social issues. It is quoted in his biographical sketch on his web page that, "Mendelson believes government should be an honest, efficient deliverer of services and that the District should help those least able to help themselves to develop the skills necessary to become self-sufficient." He went on to be quoted as saying that, "the District, as the nation's capital, should be a model of service-delivery in public education, public health, and public safety." During his presentation, he reinforced the message of collaboration and community partnership that was stressed during the program's opening remarks by CSOSA's Director, Nancy

Ware. He stated that the District must begin assisting individuals who find themselves in the Criminal Justice System while they are still confined. Once they are released, the collective force of the government, in collaboration with local businesses and community members must support and afford these returning offenders the opportunity to turn their lives around and become an integral part of

their community. The premier of this year's CJAN Video and a great meal followed the Chairman's presentation. This set the stage for the part of the program when CSOSA had the opportunity to honor a few of their loyal supporters and partners with certificates and plaques of appreciation. The evening ended with much fellowship and commitments towards the future.



CJAN guest speaker, Council Chairman, Phil Mendelson proudly receives an award from CSOSA Director Nancy Ware and Michael Bonds for his commitment to the offender population that this agency supervises.



The Sixth District Citizens Advisory Council was one of the 2012 Citywide CJAN Award recipients at the CJAN Forum celebration. Constance Woody accepted the award for the Sixth District CAC.

CJAN PHOTO GALLERY



Center front, Charles Thornton, Director for DC Ex-Offender Affairs was photographed at the Citywide CJAN Forum as he was enjoying the message from the guest speaker.



Sixth District Community Justice Advisory Network members and CSOSA supporters were in attendance at the 2012 Citywide CJAN Forum.



CSOSA's Director, Senior Staff, and MPD's Assistant Chief Dianne Groomes are captured having a light moment during the 2012 Citywide CJAN Forum.



2012 Citywide CJAN Award recipient MPD Officer Larry Martin. (center) is all smiles as he receives his award for outstanding community work in the Sixth District.

Announcements:

- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting 100-42nd Street, NE (Oct. 30, 2012)
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting 100-42nd Street, NE (Nov. TBA 2012)
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting 100-42nd Street, NE (Dec. TBA 2012)

A MESSAGE FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT



Neighbors and Residents of the Sixth District:

"The mission of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia is to increase public safety, prevent crimes, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice." This year, CSOSA's Community Justice Programs will focus on identifying and collaborating with active systems of support in the community to enhance offender successful reintegration.

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