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LATINO CONCERNS ABOUT BIG DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO BE AIRED AT FORUM Jill Stewart Invited to Explain How Neighborhood Integrity Initiative Will Help

A Latino community group has invited Jill Stewart, campaign director for the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, to participate in an Easter Sunday forum at a MacArthur Park church to discuss how Latino neighborhoods are being threatened by real estate speculators.

The forum is also expected to feature the testimonials of community members familiar with the displacement of working class Latino families by real estate projects. Members of the [First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles](#) are convening the forum to address concerns about development projects that Los Angeles City Hall's elected leaders are beginning to approve or consider east of the Los Angeles River and in parts of South L.A. The forum will also discuss the rights of poor and working-class community members who face the destruction of their neighborhoods and the loss of their homes.

WHAT: A community forum sponsored by UULAMOR in partnership with the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles. UULAMOR (Unitarian Universalist Latino Americano Monsignor Oscar Romero) is a group within the church that sponsors discussions about social justice issues.

WHEN: Today, Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 12:45 pm – immediately after Easter services

WHERE: First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 W. 8th Street, Los Angeles

WHO: [Jill Stewart](#) will talk about how the proposed Neighborhood Integrity Initiative ballot measure will give local residents a bigger voice in shaping development projects in their communities. The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative is sponsored by the [Coalition to Preserve L.A.](#) The coalition is a diverse group of neighborhood leaders and activists who seek to have their initiative for protecting communities from irresponsible overdevelopment put to a vote of Los Angeles voters in March 2017.

“Our initiative seeks to stop the worst kinds of development projects that ruin neighborhoods and swamp our streets with traffic,” said Stewart, the former editor of the *LA Weekly*. “The initiative can be a powerful tool in the hands of neighbors who want to protect their communities from over-large and invasive real estate projects.”