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Living in South Los Angeles and going to school in East Los Angeles I've always noticed the needs of this community. If I had the power to run my community I would work with the community members to see what they want and need changed or fixed.

One of the biggest problems in the community is the high crime rate. I would make sure that police officers are a lot more scattered around than they are now. I tend to see that they are in the same area all the time, and it is not only one but several police cars. I think that there is no point in having a group of police in the same place and leave other areas unattended. They should be in surveillance in streets where it gets lonely. I would also make sure that when emergencies happen the police would have better service. Many times it can take up to 15-30 minutes for them to get to the scene. I think that this is ridiculous. They should be prepared and able to work fast.

Secondly I would tackle the tagging and trash problem. Tagging and trash is every bodies concern in these areas. I would ensure that trashcans are in convenient places as well as accessible areas. Many times people just throw their trash on the ground because there are no trashcans around. Having more trashcans would encourage people to throw their trash where it belongs. As for the tagging with police around this should be able to help this problem as well. If they see a police officer around more then likely they won't tag.

Living so close to skid row is something that has always concerned me. Programs that are focused on getting these people off the streets are what is needed. Having programs that feed the people is not enough. These people should be given the chance to get back on their feet. I would start up more programs to alleviate the situation.

Every problem has a solution, all we have to do is work together as a community and we can work these problems out. Another thing that I would want to do is have a monthly newsletter sent to the community members to show them the latest news and what is been done to make the community better, because if they were informed on what is going on this would encourage people to get involved and help out. These are only three of the biggest problems that need to be worked on. However I am sure that if I would get feedback from the community they would see things that I didn't catch and this is where they would get directly involved with changes around the community. I think that having the power to make change in the community is something that can be difficult but doable.