

LOGAN CIRCLE

Logan Circle is experiencing a great renaissance. Councilmember Evans has been working hard since 1991 on addressing the greatest concerns of these neighborhoods - prostitution, infrastructure, economic development, public safety, schools and parking. After his 1992 anti-prostitution legislation was repealed, Jack worked with the community and DC government agencies to introduce in 2005 and have successfully passed, legislation that provides new vehicles of enforcement to the Metropolitan Police Department, US Attorney's Office and DC General Counsel. Jack has been a real leader for Logan Circle. He has worked to improve Logan Circle in many ways, including:

Economic Development

- Whole Foods feels welcome in the 1400 block of P Street because Jack worked to show the company how strong this community really is. He worked with neighbors to make sure this project and, others like it, benefits everyone in the neighborhood.

- 14th Street is changing dramatically and rapidly. Jack's Logan Circle/14th Street Economic Development Task Force was created to work on the issues this presents, from infrastructure to dislocation and parking to zoning.

Prostitution

- Legislation Jack drafted, in consultation with the community, has made all the difference in solving a problem some considered unsolvable. From an updated car seizure bill, to the increases in fines and jail time for offenders, Jack has worked to create a majority on the Council to take this community nightmare seriously and pass the important bills he has crafted.

- An Anti-Prostitution Task Force, convened by Jack, has met regularly during "peak season" since 1995 to bring together the community, prosecutors, law enforcement, judges, and those who work with prostitutes.

Parking

- A Parking Task Force, convened by Jack, reviewed existing restrictions and worked on changes that created more spaces for residents. Jack also supports creative solutions, such as angle parking, car sharing and 24 hour resident only parking.

- Jack continues to support equitable enforcement of parking laws across the District. Creating unsafe environments by double parking cannot be tolerated - we must find solutions to the parking shortages we are seeing in dense neighborhoods.

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Infrastructure

- Jack worked with the District Department of Transportation to ensure when street lights are out that there is a mechanism in place to turn them back on expeditiously.
- With traffic accidents on the rise, Jack worked to create a safe environment with the fall 2006 introduction of traffic signals at the intersection of 13th and O Streets, NW.
- The three major circles in this neighborhood, Logan, Scott and Thomas have each been reworked with new pavement, trees and lighting. Each of them have been rededicated to the residents of Logan Circle.

Public Safety

- Leadership has long been lacking within our community's police force. Jack has regularly lobbied Chief Ramsey to remove under performing officers and to promote community-oriented officers to leadership.
- Jack has been a consistent and vocal advocate for implementation of the Department's long-standing promise to put officers on foot patrol in Logan Circle. With the recent realignment of PSAs, MPD has moved closer to community policing, which has been a constant request from Jack and the DC Council.