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Community Organizes a Response to Gang Violence in the Mission District

Event: *More than a 100 community members, parents and educators will convene at St. Peter's Catholic Church to learn about gangs, hear testimonies from former gang members and parents who have lost their children to gang violence; and finally to discuss a community solution to this problem*

Who: Mission District families, parents, elders, educators, youth, former gang members and clergy.

When: **Saturday, October 13th at 10am -12pm**

Where: **St. Peter's Parrish Hall at 1249 Alabama Street**

Background: The Mission District has been suffering from violence related to drugs and gangs for years. Many young lives have been lost and families live in fear of losing their children to the gangs and the violence. St. Peter's lay leaders have worked with the *San Francisco Organizing Project* for more than 3 years to create solutions to the violence and the lack of hope for the youth and families. At this event, volunteers from *Comunidad San Dimas*, an organization that ministers youth in juvenile detention, will teach the community about gangs and together will discuss a course of action to respond to the violence

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