

**WEST SACRAMENTO POLICE INJUNCTION**  
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In spite of a court challenge that overturned the first police injunction, Major Christopher Cabaldon and the West Sacramento (WS) City Council have petitioned the court to exercise their police power under a new police injunction.

Mayor Cabaldon claims that the "Broderick Boys" are holding the Broderick/Bryte community "hostage". This alleged street gang that the State Department of Justice does not recognize, has over 300 members according to authorities. Court documents show that 35 (?) persons have been listed by the WS Police Department as Broderick Boys. Their names now appear on other law enforcement agency "lists". The other 265 persons are to be named legal "Doe" placeholders. They will be identified once they are stopped and questioned by the WS police.

Broderick/Bryte is the oldest community on the west side of the Sacramento River with many families going back generations. But, it is no south central Los Angeles ghetto. This community does not need another police injunction that is not good for the public, property owners, business, or the city. The WS leadership is disconnected from the community and has not heard the message!

Why is there a need for the police injunction? Could it be profit and new taxes from land development? Property values in Broderick/Bryte have soared given its proximity to downtown Sacramento. This is prime real estate for new residential housing or commercial development. This ethnically diverse neighborhood with Victorian and newer homes, and commercial water front, is more valuable as a commercial development than sleepy tree lined streets. Property values may flatten as the area is tagged "gang infested". This blue collar - working class neighborhood does not deserve this label and property owners should not have to pay for the cities lost potential tax revenue.

Broderick/Bryte residents need to think twice about staying. First, they will live under continuous police surveillance. Second, it's not hard to become listed as a Broderick Boy. All you need is a police record and to associate with someone who had past gang affiliations. The average adult has some sort of police record, e.g. DUI's, domestic disputes, domestic restraining orders, etc. Then we are all painfully aware of the number of ex-felons released into our neighborhoods, e.g. prison gang members "nortenos". How do we know if a neighbor has a past gang affiliation? Are we to check each others tattoos? Be leery of anyone wearing red? What about the Red Hat Society? Should we avoid them at Sunday brunch? They may have hidden gang tattoos, use the

phrase “Norte”, etc. Citizens from Del Norte county and graduates of Del Norte High school, be warned not to identify yourself as being from “Del Norte”.

No one supports crime or street gangs. But, police entrapments are what the Broderick/Brtye citizens – mostly Latino – are concerned about. The WS City leadership has fashioned their police injunction after the City of Los Angeles. One problem, the City of WS is not Los Angeles. This police injunction is simply about a local city council thinking big and missing the target. If the WS City Council did their home work, they would know that in 2007 the City of Los Angeles has reported a 50% drop in violent crime (Los Angeles Times). Los Angeles does not attribute this to their gang injunction, but to the next step in gang prevention – recruiting former gang members to become intervention gang specialists. Instead, Mayor Cabaldon and the WS City Council have turned down community invitations to discuss the issues. They have alienated potential gang intervention specialists. Finally, they have inflamed the very citizens they purport to protect. The mayor and WS City Council are out of touch with the community. They just don't get it. A new WS Police injunction is bad for West Sacramento