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**State Senator Royce West & Councilman Dave Neumann Connect with Community;  
*Town Hall Meeting will address issues affecting neighborhoods in the Kiest area***

**Dallas, TX** – State Senator Royce West and Dallas City Councilman Dave Neumann are teaming up to bring residents of the Kiest Area of Oak Cliff together for a special community meeting at 7:00 p.m. June 17 at Kiest Park Recreation Center, 3080 S. Hampton Road. The goal is for residents to connect with local and state level elected officials to discuss topics and issues specific to their neighborhoods.

“City Council District 3 is home to three unique communities: West Dallas, Oak Cliff and Mountain Creek,” said West. “Each has its own identity, beauty, progress and challenges. But one thing is for certain, there has never been a greater time for opportunity and prosperity than now – across Councilman Neumann’s district,” he said.

“The key, I believe, to the success of District 3 is linkage and leadership,” said Neumann. “We must link our communities together - and to the rest of the City. We must strengthen our neighborhoods by embracing our beat officers and making friends with our Code Compliance officers. If residents and business owners work hand in hand with police and code – nothing can stop us from a prosperous future.”

The special community meeting will focus on crime reduction and code compliance and will also address issues on a state level. One such issue is a state-wide crackdown on uninsured drivers. The Texas Department of Insurance and the Texas Department of Transportation, alongside the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), recently unveiled an ambitious new statewide program, called *TexasSure* ([www.TexasSure.com](http://www.TexasSure.com)), designed to reduce the number of uninsured vehicles in Texas, currently estimated at four million.

“We’ve issued a stern warning to millions of Texas motorists: if you’re driving without car insurance, your free ride is coming to an end,” West said.

TexasSure is a secure database that matches the records of registered passenger vehicles in Texas to personal auto insurance data submitted by 200-plus Texas insurance companies. With such information at their fingertips, law enforcement officers and county tax officials can instantly verify whether a vehicle has auto liability coverage required by state law.

The Dallas City Council recently passed an ordinance which allows police to tow the vehicle of any driver stopped for a traffic violation who can not prove they have proper insurance. The ordinance goes into effect January 1, 2009.

Another topic certain to be discussed, and which involves local, state and federal efforts is the Trinity River Corridor Project, which promises to transform the river, and make District 3 one of the most fashionable addresses in the City.

“As Chairman of the Mayor’s Trinity River Corridor Project Committee, I am doing everything possible to speed up the project’s timetable,” Neumann said. “Once we reclaim our river, sustainable development will follow. Already we are seeing some investors construct new, mixed-use developments for the next generation.”

This will be the first in a series of special community meetings held by the Senator and Councilman that will visit various neighborhoods in District 3. This first meeting will focus on residents living in the Kiest Area.

**Who: State Senator Royce West & Councilmember Dave Neumann**

**What: Special Community Meeting for Kiest Area Residents**

**Where: Kiest Park Recreation Center 3080 South Hampton Road**

**When: Tuesday, June 17 - 7:00 p.m.**

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