



Community Development for Crime Control

Building Our Way Out of Crime

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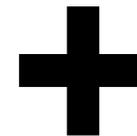
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Topics

- **What's the big idea? *The strategy***
- **Do Cops Care About Neighborhood Blight & Disinvestment?**
- **Replacement of Crime Hot Spots with Community Assets—
*Some quick snapshots***
- **Can *Police* spur & shape development solutions to crime, disorder & fear?—
*A closer look @ Seattle & Kansas City***
- **Obstacles & opportunities for police-developer collaboration**

What's the big idea? *A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE...*

**Community
Developers**



A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

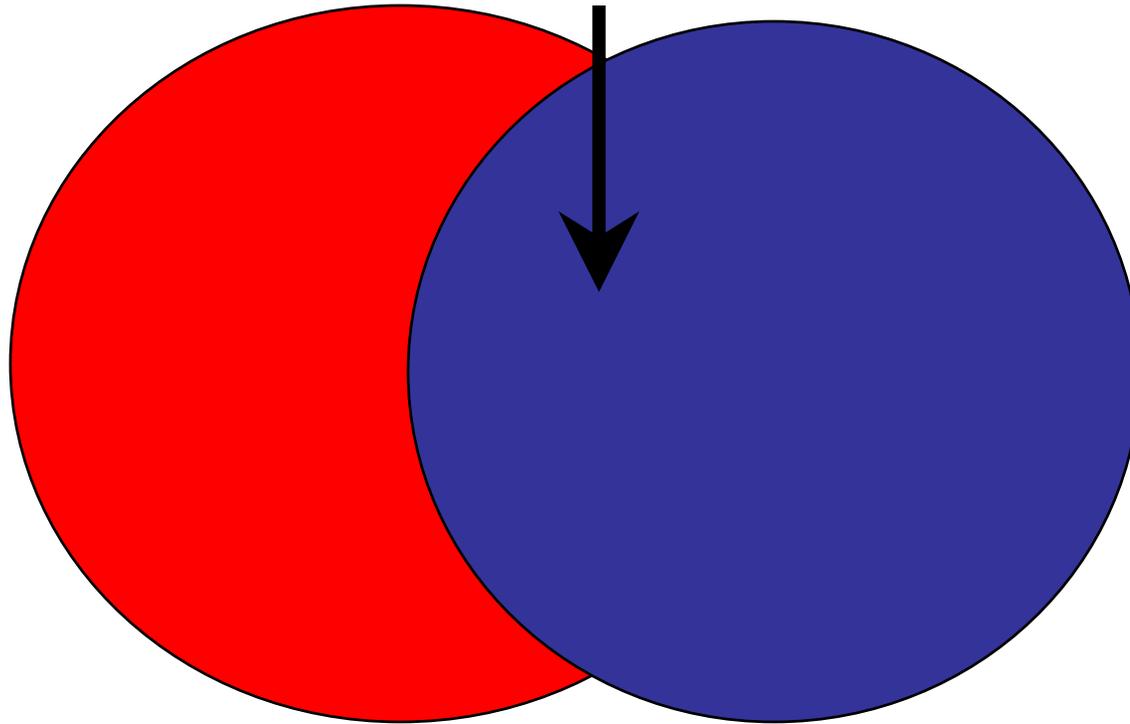
**Police, Prosecutors &
Other Law Enforcement**

**Control Crime,
Disorder &
Fear**



The STRATEGY

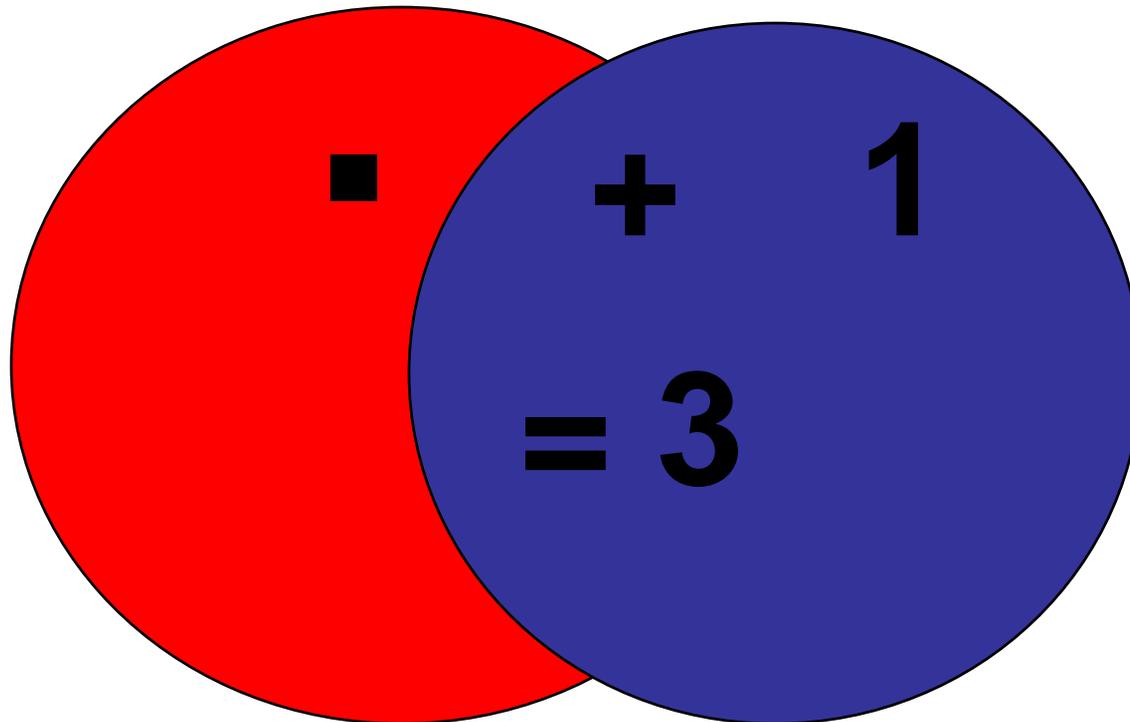
**Arresting Blight +
Developing Safety**



If your strategic alliance reaches “critical mass,” you get “*interaction effects*” ...

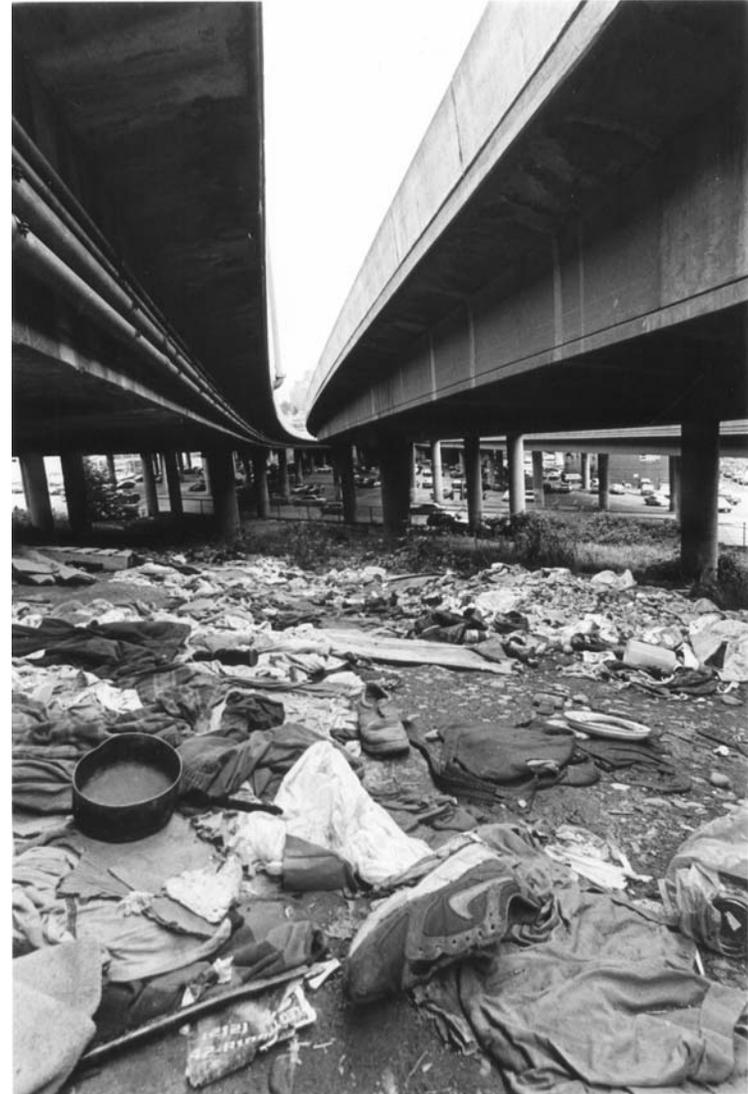


- ✓ *Reducing crime spurs investment & development.*
- ✓ *Development converts crime hot spots to assets.*
 - ✓ *Crime control & development get easier.*



Do Cops Care About Neighborhood Blight & Disinvestment?

**Do cops
care
about? ...**



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How physical locations fit into crime theory...

LOCATIONS

(Dens of Iniquity—and Inequity)



**CRIME
TRIANGLE**

OFFENDERS

(Ravenous Wolves)

VICTIMS

(Sitting Ducks)

Successful Replacement of Crime Hot Spots with Community Assets

some

quick snapshots

of success

South Bronx:
From burned out rubble...



South Bronx: and children with dim prospects...



South Bronx:
...to family homes & bustling businesses



**New homes on
on Charlotte Street**



**Thriving *bodegas* &
other small businesses**

South Bronx:
In the development pipeline...



Melrose/Morrisania Corridor, South Bronx

Minneapolis: American Indian Neighborhood Development Corp. builds the “Community Safety Center”

- An open-air drug market becomes a thriving commercial plaza, including a police substation



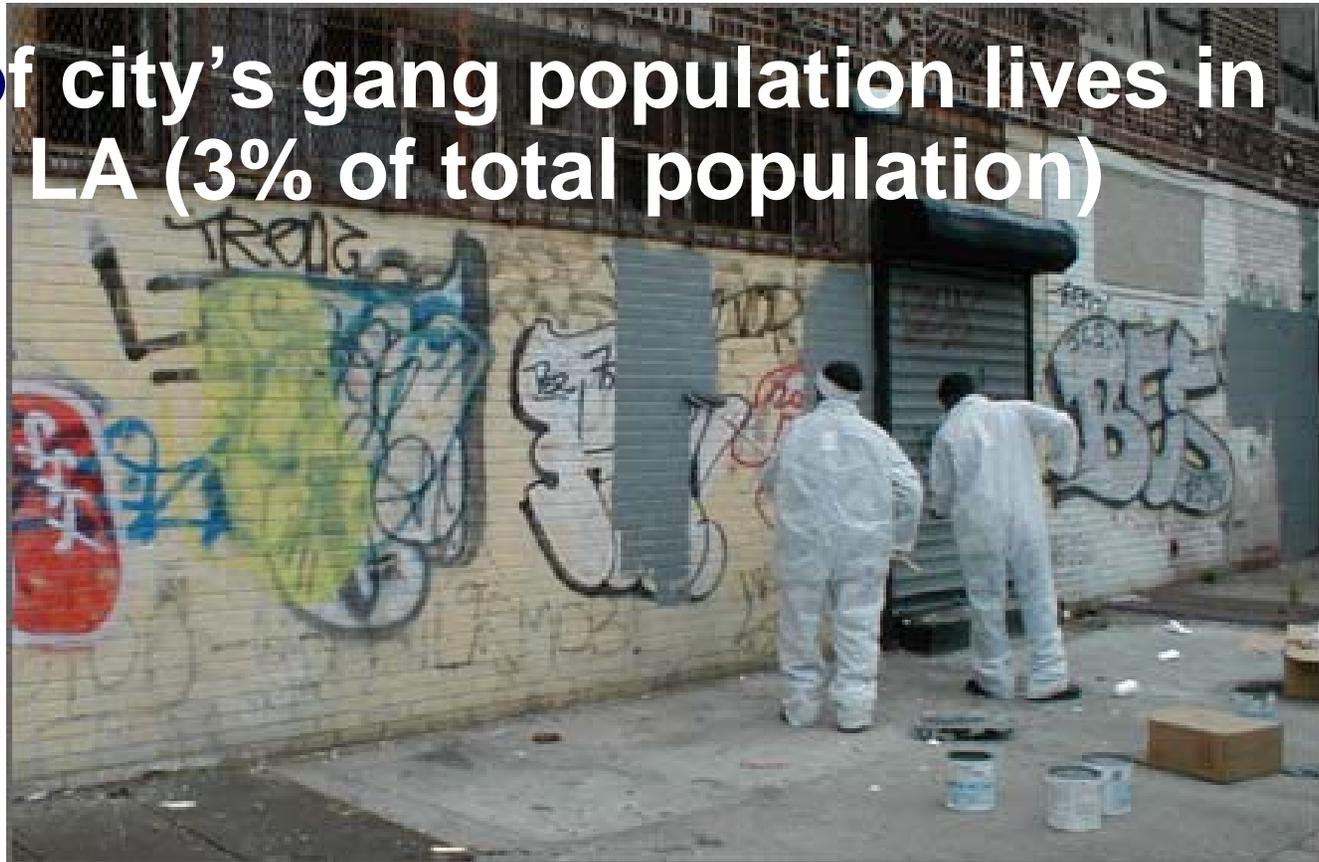
Boston: Uphams Corner Revitalization

- A CDC buys & renovates buildings at a blighted, crime ridden, commercial intersection & makes loans to support successful new shops there



South Los Angeles: Vernon-Central CSI

- gang activity, drug sales, prostitution, public drinking and graffiti
- **22% of city's gang population lives in South LA (3% of total population)**



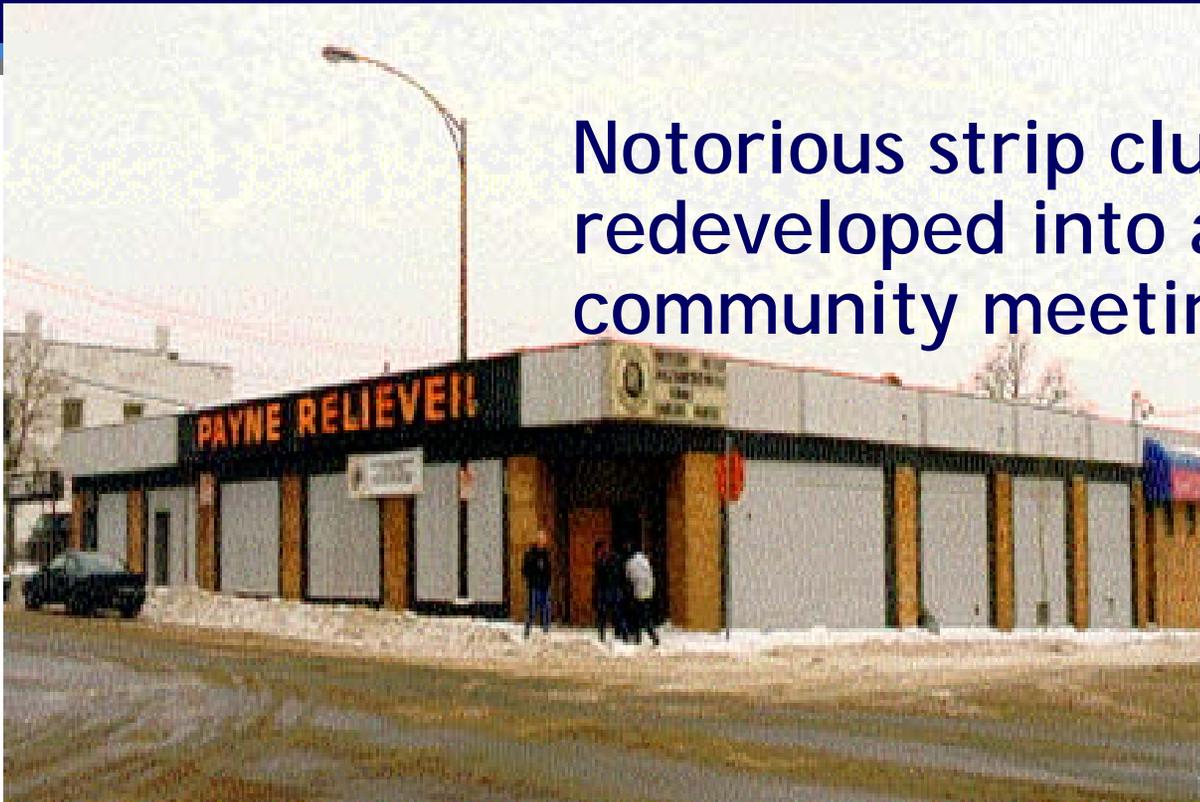
South Los Angeles: Outcomes

- Removed 250,000 sq. feet of graffiti in target area in first 4 months
- Reported crime down 56%, arrests up 18%
- New shops opened & existing businesses expanded



Won LAPD crime prevention award

Replacing nuisance properties: Revitalization of Payne Avenue in St. Paul



Notorious strip club
redeveloped into a restaurant &
community meeting space



policing + development spurs crime drops Revitalization of Payne Avenue in St. Paul

- 26% drop in Part 1 crimes & 25% drop in Quality of Life Calls for Service (QLC) on Payne Ave.
- Target area improved more than comparable areas

