

Highland Park town hall meeting draws nearly 400 residents

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Nearly 400 Highland Park residents turned out for a "Call to Action" Law Enforcement Town Hall Meeting to reclaim their streets and restore safe neighborhoods.

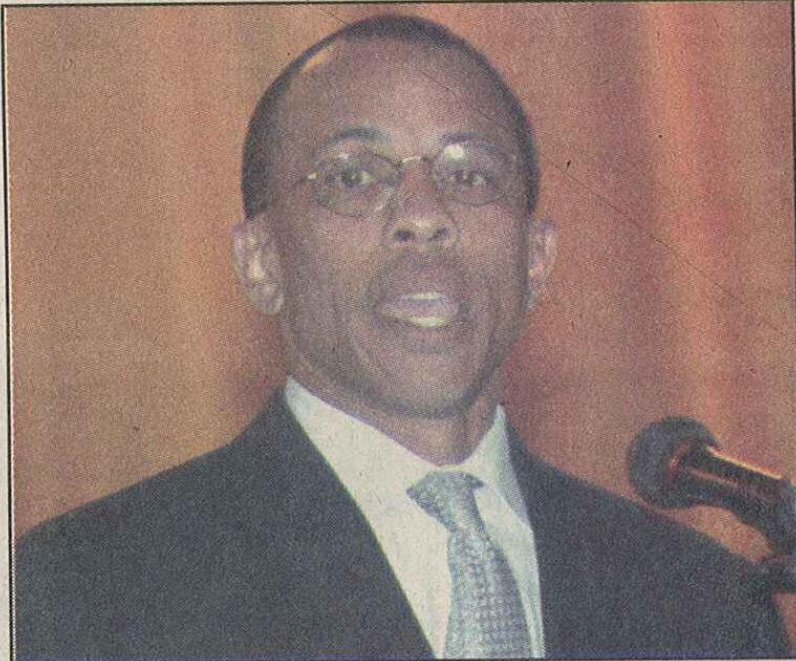
The meeting, held at Highland Park Community High School, included a panel of law enforcement officials presenting the status of their work in Highland Park and inviting the audience to a "Call to Action."

Attendees were connected with law enforcement officials and learned how to work with key agencies, register for CB patrol, organize block clubs and Neighborhood Watches and learn the rules of code enforcement to take their streets back.

Jeffrey G. Collins, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, spoke about the need for a "Call to Action" as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a national Department of Justice initiative to reduce gun violence initiative.

"We are here to empower residents and reassure them that law enforcement is there for them at the city, county, state and federal levels," said Collins, "and to help give them back what is rightfully theirs."

Collins also announced a



JEFFREY COLLINS, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, addresses Highland Park residents at town hall meeting.

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two-year federal grant of \$70,000 per year to hire a Wayne County prosecutor dedicated exclusively to Highland Park.

Other panelists included Laurence Meyer of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office; Michael Braun, special agent-in-charge, and Jim Fox, assistant special agent-in-charge, from the Drug Enforcement Administration;

John Williams, assistant special agent-in-charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; Ted Caldwell, acting director of Public Safety; and Charles Lafferty, chief of Fire Services, City of Highland Park; Captain Dewayne P. Brantley, Michigan State Police; and Maurice Morton, chief of Special

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