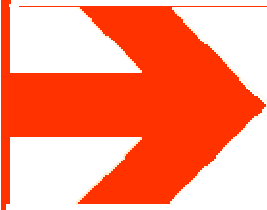


Do more to stop gangs - A message from Curtis Sliwa



L.A. needs to stop trumpeting rosy statistics and get tougher on crime and illegal immigrants.

Los Angeles Times

I applaud The Times for running the editorial "L.A.'s gang emergency." The first step on the road to recovery is admitting you have a problem -- the second step is actually taking action to correct it. For the last three decades, I have headed the largest civilian anti-crime patrol in the world, the Guardian Angels. In that capacity, my fellow angels and I have spent many nights on the streets of Los Angeles and personally battled the criminals who stalk the streets. Over the last 20 years, I have advocated for a larger and stronger Los Angeles Police Department. Those calls still need to be answered.

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