



(Left to Right: WEHO City Councilman John Duran; Townscape NY Developers; Duran with Townscape lobbyist)

- **"Los Angeles is the second most corrupt area in the USA according to a University of Illinois study. Chicago is first and LA second."** Steve Lopez and Patricia Morrison - Los Angeles Times
- Is West Hollywood City Councilman John Duran part of the problem?
- **Can Duran be trusted to vote impartially when it comes to the 8150 Sunset development?**
- Townscape Partners (a New York backed development company) has paid thousands of dollars in political contributions to be sure John Duran continues to be on the West Hollywood City Council.

Duran claims to have "rainbow coalition values" but he is backing 8150 Sunset. This is a NY development project totally run by white males – no women and no minorities.

As for Duran and his connection to this New York group with New Yorker values:

- Townscape Partners, after buying the 8150 Sunset property, started charging customers \$3 per 15 minutes for parking. **Tenants sued Townscape** stating they didn't have the option of offering validation for parking and had lost 50 percent of their business as a result of the fees. Only McDonalds and Chase Bank were able to offer validation for 30 free minutes. **For an average meal at El Pollo, it cost \$12 to park.** Does Townscape hate Mexicans and their food?
- The New York developers' intention was to destroy the local businesses (many owned by minorities) driving them to financial ruin, and forcing them to surrender leases early. **Gay owned businesses went bankrupt.**
- Townscape installed the parking system without LA Building and Safety Permits. It was dangerous and struck pedestrians. It took nine months for the City of Los Angeles to do anything about the grave problem.
- **After LA had been threatened with a lawsuit,** the L.A. Planning Dept forced Townscape to shut it down.
- Los Angeles politicians have received big political contributions from NY developers like Townscape.
- Townscape plans to have the 8150 Sunset development's parking entrances and exits on Havenhurst Drive. Across from West Hollywood senior housing. **Many residents have AIDS and respiratory problems.**
- **Is Townscape anti-senior, minorities and gays? Can they be trusted after the NY style parking rip-off?**
- **Can WEHO trust the Los Angeles Planning Dept after doing nothing about the illegal parking?**



(Left to Right: Townscape NY Developers; Illegal Parking Signs; Duran with assistant that cost WEHO \$500,000; L.A. Planning Director: Vince Bertoni)

Duran has been the focus of continued investigations and potential scandals, yet certain political cohorts on the West Hollywood City Council continued to back him and paid **\$500,000 in settlements** to keep him in a voting position to back New York developers. Major campaign donations for three city council members came from Townscape.

- The City of West Hollywood paid out **\$500,000 to settle a lawsuit from Duran's former assistant** who claimed the city councilman was sexually harassing him. Duran met the assistant on a sex hookup website (Grinder), and the city employee salary was a \$150,000 a year.
- Los Angeles County prosecutors pursued **Duran on criminal charges** for misuse of a city credit card. WEHO spent thousands of dollars defending Duran.

Can Duran be trusted when it comes to 8150 Sunset and his very close association with the NY developers?