OceanView, Merced Heights, Ingleside - Neighbors in Action

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The Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside - Neighbors in Action (OMI-NIA) is comprised of the Ocean View, Merced Heights, and Ingleside neighborhoods. The organization's membership is comprised of residents of these particular neighborhoods. The focus of the OMI-NIA is to identify and respond to the needs of the community and to empower the residents to take action upon them. Through collective effort, OMI-NIA seeks to support and maintain a healthy and thriving community by developing a tradition of self help, leadership and participation.

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OMI-NIA, in collaboration with the Outer Mission Residents Association (OMRA), focused on sidewalk parking in Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside and the Outer Mission. Many residents park their cars on the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians, wheelchair users, and those with baby strollers to walk in the streets. This makes pedestrians more vulnerable to getting hit by moving vehicles. OMI-NIA organized and educated neighborhood residents about the dangers of sidewalk parking. They went to community meetings and distributed flyers. In addition, OMI-NIA collaborated with the Ingleside and Taraval SFPD Police Stations. As a result, police cited people who continued to park on the sidewalk after numerous warnings. They also collaborated with Guadalupe Middle School to raise awareness among families by having a student art contest. The two winning art works were made into posters and displayed throughout the community. Along Ocean Avenue, OMI-NIA placed banners with a pedestrian safety message.

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