



*Azael "Sal" Martínez Sonoquí*

Azael Martinez Sonoqui represents the LAPD Hollenbeck Division Community Police Advisory Board, and has served 3 terms as Co-Chair. Active advocate at Resurrection Parish Neighborhood Watch, California 46th Assembly District Delegate, Parks Oversight Committee: Central Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (RVNOC) for Prop K Funds, City of Los Angeles, 5 terms and reviewer of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development.

His friends in the community of Boyle Heights were his from know him as Sal Martinez. Sal understands the importance of community involvement and the self-sacrifice that comes with that position, receiving the LAPD 2007 OCB volunteer of the Year Award and City Of Los Angeles True Angel Award in 2009.

As an author Sal Martinez modestly reminded us, in his 10/10/2010 L.A. Times Op-Ed there is something we all can do to help make an important difference in the lives of young people.

"Mary," the woman he wrote about and mentor was honored in June 2011. Sal, with Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina's help, was the person who worked the most relentlessly in renaming of the East Los Angeles Probation Office for the late and legendary Los Angeles juvenile probation officer and gang specialist, Mary Ridgway. Sal credits Ridgway as having saved his life.

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles voted Sal Martinez the newest member of the Los Angeles County Probation Commission, appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina.