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Neighborhood Law Programs: Generate Revenue, Reduce Blight and Crime

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Every city has nuisance properties that blight neighborhoods, endanger communities, drive down property value, and harm neighborhood morale. Neighborhoods hope and expect cities to fix these problems. Unfortunately, city responses to these issues often seem too slow. In response, several cities have developed Neighborhood Law Programs. Vallejo and Oakland have effectively used these programs – run from the city attorney’s office in close coordination with Code Enforcement, Fire, and Police – to fix community nuisance issues. This panel will explain why these programs are effective and how to create one.

Speakers: Eli Flushman, Associate, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Joseph Kreins, Police Chief (Ret.), Vallejo
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