



Ed Oakley claims he will bring economic development and jobs to Dallas...

Source: <http://edoakley.com/issues.html>

The facts about Ed Oakley's district and lack of economic development:

- An astonishing 70% of the West Dallas district lives below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. 51% make less than \$25,000 annually or less, and 25% earn less than \$10,000. Poverty affects 66.6% of Hispanics in Oakley's West Dallas district and 29.8% of blacks. (Source: Parkland Hospital's "Our Community Health Checkup, 2005 for Dallas County." Also see: Research Compilation: West Dallas (Zip Code 75212) FCE-The J. McDonald Williams Institute. December 2006).
- The district has seen little or no economic development with only 400 businesses operating with 1/3rd employing four or fewer people.
- The unemployment rate is more than double the city of Dallas (13.8% in West Dallas vs. 6.6% for city of Dallas).

Source: Research Compilation: West Dallas (Zip Code 75212) FCE-The J. McDonald Williams Institute. December 2006. P. 7.

- Poverty rate for female-headed households with children under 18 years of age was 62%-more than 1.7 times the city of Dallas' rate of 35%.
- Estimated median housing value in West Dallas was less than half of the value for the city of Dallas (\$41,483 vs. \$109,153, respectively).
- In a recent survey of West Dallas leaders, their primary concern was for economic revitalization. They expressed concern that there was a need for retail business, banks, job training and entrepreneurial support for their community.

Source: SJI Project Transformation Survey of West Dallas Leaders. 2007.

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