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To: Members of the Edgewater Community
From: Clare Lake and Lynn Pierce, EPIC Block Club Positive Loiterers
Re: **Weekly Positive Loitering on Thorndale**

The EPIC Block Club resumed its weekly positive loitering walks Monday (Apr. 20) but has shifted its strategy. Instead of *walking* up and down the 1100 block of Thorndale and Winthrop between Granville and Hollywood, participants now plan to *stand* in *groups* at various locations on the 1100 block. It is EPIC's response to the gang loitering and drug dealing that has plagued the troubled block for months.

Only two members of EPIC and one member of NEBA (North Edgewater Beach Association) have been participating in this weekly initiative for the past three years. That isn't enough. More "standees" are required to make a more positive presence on the block. Gang bangers assemble in groups of 15 to 20. Night after night after night. We need to take back that block.

Can you spare an hour of your time one night a week to fight crime in our neighborhood? We meet at 7 p.m. Mondays on the northeast corner of Broadway and Thorndale. EPIC hopes to expand the effort to two or three nights a week.

So please come. Join us. Bring a chair. Bring your dog. But come.