



**BUILDING POWER
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY
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On July 12, 2009, over 800 local community members, congregations and secular groups alike, gathered with city officials in an overflowing Wilshire Boulevard Temple for **One LA's** Assembly entitled *Investing in L.A.* One of our Sisters of Social Service, **Sister Maribeth Larkin**, is One LA/IAF's Senior Organizer. As a community organizer she was deeply involved in helping lay the groundwork and logistics for the public action. The co-chairs of the event, **Mr. Ricardo Mireles** (Academia Avance School) and **Ms. Diane Vanette** (Temple Emanuel) facilitated the discussion with community members; religious and secular groups; the **Superintendent of LAUSD, Ray Cortinez**; the **City Council Members Bernard Parks, Jan Perry, Jose Huizar**; and **City Controller Wendy Greuel**. *Investing in L.A.* addressed ways One LA hopes to collaborate with city officials for systemic change as well as the more immediate needs of families and communities in Los Angeles who are:

- 1) Homeowners struggling with **foreclosures and the mortgage crisis**
- 2) Educators, youth and families who value **The Algebra Project's** critical role in math literacy leading to higher education and job readiness and seek continuing and replicating the program in other schools throughout the Los Angeles area
- 3) Skilled workforce advocates, business owners and workers who advocate effective, focused **job training programs that offer career growth, job placement and community partners** that support the needs and interests of adult workers

One LA-IAF is a broad-based, non-partisan organization of dues-paying member congregations, schools, unions and non-profits committed to building power for sustainable social and economic change. For more details about the event, local needs and actions, and **One LA-IAF's** other projects, please visit their website at <http://onela-iaf.org/>.

