

TUSTIN PRIDE ADOPT-A-BLOCK PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Many city residents have come together focusing on the importance of clean communities. Citizens note that the government must do its part to keep the city clean, but recognize that government cannot do everything. Teamwork between government and citizens is key. Only by involving all residents and each community can we create a city as beautiful as we know is possible.

The City of Tustin and Tustin Pride are seeking to create a unique partnership between municipal government and the community. We have created an ADOPT-A-BLOCK Program to encourage the local populace to take partial responsibility for the cleanliness of the area in which they live and work. The volunteers of Tustin Pride believe that this program is an exciting way to both expand citizen involvement and positively influence the beautification and preservation of the City of Tustin.

Program Description:

The participating volunteer groups agree to take responsibility for maintaining their adopted neighborhood (block, street, wall, bus bench, etc.) for a minimum of one year. Clean-ups take place regularly at least once a month on a pre-determined schedule. You can adopt as an individual or as part of a group. If you have decided to work as a group, list two contact individuals and delegate specific tasks, such as picking up, paint, sweeping, etc.

The groups select their own location to adopt or they may ask the members of Tustin Pride for a priority list. In either case, the location should meet the following criteria:

1. It should be in need of regular maintenance.
2. The degree of work should closely match the abilities of the group.
3. The area must be safe.

The groups designate a representative who completes all the necessary paperwork. The representative also makes the arrangements for the group to work at their site on the designated days. City staff and or Tustin Pride volunteers may oversee and direct their first clean up activities if necessary.

After the initial clean-up day, city staff and or Tustin Pride volunteers will evaluate the activity and then meet with the group to monitor the site and to verify the group's satisfaction with the location. After at least 6 months of active participation in the program, if everything is in order and a commitment is made, Tustin Pride will order signs with the group's name on them. The signs will then be mounted at the appropriate locations. The volunteers working the area will continue to maintain their adopted areas and city staff and/or Tustin Pride volunteers will continue to work with the groups and monitors the sites.

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ADOPT-A-BLOCK PROGRAM**

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The Adopter agrees to the following:

- 1.) Remove litter, clean up graffiti as needed, pick up weeds, cut over-grown grass, sweep up, scrub up spills, etc. from a designated area at least once a month over a one year period.
- 2.) Pick one individual who is responsible for completing all necessary paperwork. This designated individual will also be responsible for maintaining contact with a Tustin Pride representative, to insure that the group is meeting all of the requirements of the program.
- 3.) Discuss all projects with a Tustin Pride representative before the project is undertaken, to insure that the activities are within the scope of the program.
- 4.) Avoid contact with items that have the potential to be hazardous to the health or safety of the adopting group. This includes, but is not limited to: heavy objects, toxic chemicals or items such as syringes, and needles, condoms, and dead animals.
- 5.) Supply all necessary supplies for the clean up
- 6.) Properly dispose of all items according to the city's ordinances. *

Adopter:

I have read and reviewed this agreement and understand the terms of our participation.

Print Name/Title

Signature

Date

* Please contact the city if you have questions

**TUSTIN PRIDE
ADOPT-A-BLOCK PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete this form completely: type or use black ink

Date: _____

Volunteer Organization or Individual: _____

Description of Organization: _____

Anticipated Number of participants: _____ Age of Participants: _____

Date to start: _____ Access to Supplies/Equipment? _____

1st Contact Person: _____ Phone number: () _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

2nd Contact Person: _____ Phone number: () _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

STREET BLOCK (S) YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING:

STREET #1: _____

STREET #2: _____

STREET #3: _____

STREET #4: _____

DETAILS OF INTERSECTIONS OR FROM WHAT CROSS-STREETS TO WHAT CROSS-STREETS: _____

LIST THE **DATES** THE GROUP/INDIVIDUAL PLANS TO CONDUCT THEIR FIRST 6 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS:

Clean up #1 _____ Clean up #2 _____ Clean up #3 _____

Clean up #4 _____ Clean up #5 _____ Clean up #6 _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

City of Tustin
Tustin Pride Adopt a Block Program
300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA 92780
(714) 573-3331

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