



Kamala Harris and **Denise Jackson** stroll down Sixth Street.



An **unidentified man** stops to talk with **Harris** on Sixth near Minna.



Sixth Street Books owner **Tom Seiler** makes a point to **Harris**.



Ford Graphics Production Manager **Tony Mariano** chats about business.

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That was it. No more time for questions. It was time to knock out doors and meet the people. Everyone trooped out of The Rose and into the blazing hot March afternoon.

Harris lives on Sixth Street, her public relations officer, Debbie Mesloh, told *The Extra* during the tour, but it's "way down on Sixth," she said, her arm sweeping away toward Brannan or beyond. Harris may not be a next-door neighbor, but she greeted these skid row merchants on the tour warmly.

Entering through the Minna entrance of Ford Graphics [981 Mission], Harris took a minute to talk to production manager Tony Mariano and vice president Laurie Williams. The small-press business has been at that location for 25 years.

Harris made three more stops on Minna: Fine Line Group at 457 Minna, general contractors who've been there for about 10 years; Creative Origins, 455 Minna, a custom silkscreener there since 1990; and the middle of the alley, where the group gathered to stare down at col-

lected garbage and a needle. Then it was on to Fred's at 151 Sixth, a grocery and deli owned by Ed Musa whose father, Fred, bought the building and opened the store 30 years ago. Harris shook Musa's hand and seemed impressed by his family's long tenure on the street, which began when she was only nine years old.

Harris shook hands with clerks at a tiny grocery store and with the desk clerk at the new Bayanihan House, Todco's restoration of the long burnt-out Delta Hotel, at Sixth and Mission, then returned to The Rose.

"I was glad to come back and hear the concerns of the residents, business people and the community leaders," Harris said later, recalling that she had campaigned in the area in November when the walk was planned. "There are lots of families in the area and they should have the same opportunities as those in other neighborhoods. It was no surprise to hear that action is needed to affect quality of life improvements. And this was my opportunity to reaffirm my commitment here to change."

Harris said she did not plan other neighborhood walks but will attend the first monthly captain's meeting of each police district. Thereafter, she said, her office will send an assistant DA to attend. ■

Among the contingent accompanying Harris (second from right) on the tour are a Knox Hotel resident (far right), Ana B. Arguello (behind Harris) of the Seneca Hotel, and Denise Jackson (left of Harris), who helped organize this tour. Most in the group are members of The Sixth Street Corridor Safety Coalition, which met with Harris to give an overview of their concerns before taking the walk on the wild side.



The group stops on Minna to note a syringe among the trash on the street. From left: Ricardo Arguello, Adopt-A-Block Director Nicolas Rosenberg, unidentified woman, Guardian Angel Peter Dempsey, Harris, Jackson, Tim Silard, the DA's director of policy, and Joanne Babiak, from the district attorney's Sixth Street satellite office.

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