



## Guardian Angels and city of Norwalk seek common ground



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Norwalk (WTNH) -- The Guardian Angels and the mayor of Norwalk have come to an agreement over patrols, but they still don't see eye-to-eye.

When their boots hit the pavement in New Haven or in New York boroughs, the self proclaimed crime-stoppers, the Guardian Angels, expect to meet some resistance. But while on patrol in a South Norwalk housing development earlier this month they say they never expected to be asked to leave by Norwalk police.

"This be the first time that we weren't allowed free movement in anywhere in the United States," said Curtis Sliwa from the Guardian Angels.

Sliwa met with Mayor Richard Moccia (R-Norwalk) today looking for some sort of resolution. The outcome: The city can't stop the Angels from patrolling on public streets, but Sliwa can't patrol in housing developments until he is given permission.

"As far as the city streets go, we agree to disagree in this. I don't think we need the Guardian Angels yet, but Curtis has agreed that if he recruits local people and treat them well they certainly have the right to be on that street," said Mayor Moccia.

The mayor calls the altercation between police and the Angels a miscommunication.

Meanwhile, Michael Geake of the Norwalk Common Council thinks that the Guardian Angels will help keep the community safe. "If we have the Guardian Angels, especially down in that area, you're gonna drive the buyers away," Geake said. "You drive the buyers away. You drive the sellers away."

Sliwa says he will be contacting the Housing Authority next week and they will continue their patrols on the streets of Norwalk.

