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Hi Kelly,

What recourse does a board pursue when it cannot get information from owners on tenants residing in their community such as

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In collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino, several psychology students at Cal State San Bernardino will present a Photovoice Gallery exhibit at the Waterman Gardens public housing project from 4 to 6 p.m. today.

The free event will showcase photos taken by children from 8 to 16 who live in Waterman Gardens. The exhibit will be at 402 Alder St. in San Bernardino.

In collaboration with the Community and Relationship Enhancement research

group at Cal State and the Boys and Girls Club at Waterman Gardens, the children were given cameras and asked to take photos of things they liked in their community and things they wished they could change.

Over the past few months, the children have voiced their opinions and discussed possible solutions to the problems they found.

Under the direction of Cal State psychology professor David Chavez, the university students conducted community-based participatory research. The approach re-



David Chavez

quired faculty and students to collaborate with community members in a manner that shares power to address real life issues.

"I have an incredible group of dedicated students who have given much of themselves, while simultaneously engaging in service and research in the community," Chavez said. "Their passion for making a difference in the world really comes through."

Chavez said that through the partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, the students chose to use Photovoice because it enables individuals and researchers to work together to address topics identified as needing change.

"By teaching the participants to actively observe and document their world focusing on problematic issues, they learn to critically reflect, articulate their thoughts about these issues and collaboratively problem-solve," Chavez said. "This skill development helps em-

power the youth towards the problem solving in their community."

Using photographs allows them to develop a narrative, giving voice to those often silenced in society, Chavez said.

"It has been amazing to watch the children's progress throughout the Photovoice process," he said. "Their ability to develop and engage in complex processes has been evident throughout this project."

For more information, call 909-798-4599, ext. 212, or Chavez at 909-537-5572.

Children's photos exhibited at Waterman Gardens