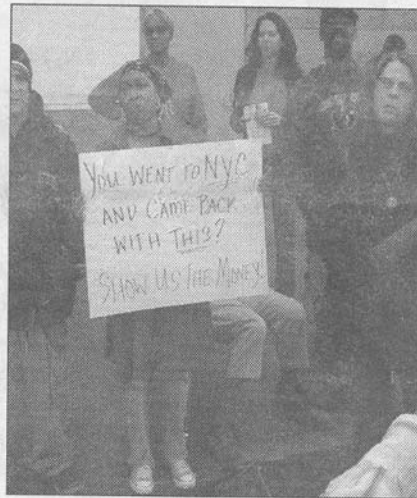


## ***San Julian Street Standoff***



**The Fight Over Skid Row's Future:** (Left) Los Angeles Police Department Chief **William Bratton**, 22nd District California State Senator **Gil Cedillo**, Los Angeles City Attorney **Rocky Delgadillo**, and Central City Association president **Carol Schatz** gather at 6th and San Julian streets for a recent announcement on legislation seeking funding for various housing and health programs in the Skid Row neighborhood. The legislative package, sponsored by Cedillo, also calls for increased penalties for drug sales near rehabilitation facilities. (Right) Members of the non-profit Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN) protested the legislative proposal with a noisy demonstration, chanting "jobs not jails" and "a cell is not a home." Cedillo said he plans to pursue the various pieces of legislation as a way to bring state aid to efforts to combat crime and homelessness in Skid Row, and fund improvements in health services and housing. LA CAN representatives dismissed the effort as a subsidy for the "gentrification" of Downtown.