



Featured Speaker

Greig Smith
L.A. City Councilmember
District 12

Date: Monday, August 20, 2007

Time: 6:45 PM - 8:15PM

**Place:Galpin Ford - 2nd Floor meeting
Room,15555 Roscoe Blvd. [at the 405]**

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Agenda

6:45PM- 7:40PM Valley VOTE

Introductions

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

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| Housing | Vic Viereck |
| LAWA | Denny Schneider |
| Land Use | Pauline Tallent |
| Neighborhood Councils | Polly Ward |
| Transportation | Bart Reed |
| Membership | Richard Leyner |

7:30PM - 8:00 PM Greig Smith

Greig was first elected to the L.A. City Council in 2003. He ran unopposed for his second term. Greig authored and introduced his RENEW LA plan in 2005. RENEW LA stands for Recovering Energy, Natural Resources and Economic Benefit from Waste for Los Angeles. This 20-year blueprint will end the City's use of landfills by maximizing recycling and reuse, and converting much of the trash that currently would go to landfills into clean electricity and valuable raw materials. The RENEW LA plan exceeds the State-mandated goal of a 50 percent reduction of trash going into landfills and aims for "Zero Waste" and will contribute to achieving the City's goal of using 20 percent renewable energy by 2017.

While working as Chief Deputy for Councilman Hal Bernson, Greig studied smart growth and waste management alternatives at the University of Dortmund, Germany. He also studied at UCLA before earning a BA and Masters Degree at U.S.C.

In addition to giving us a brief update on the latest issues facing the council Greig will discuss the proposed amendments to the L.A. Municipal Code to establish Alternative Technology facility standards and how they relate to RENEW LA.

8:00PM - 8.15PM Andy Mardesich

Andrew Mardesich, President, San Pedro Homeowners Coalition will present statistical and graphical information based upon the Local Agency Formation Commission - Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis Report of the Harbor area that made the finding that the City of Los Angeles spends more in the Harbor area then it collects. Ponte Vista Developers may hoodwink the Los Angeles

City Council and burden the San Fernando Valley in sharing its city services with the Harbor area. Ponte Vista is proposing a high density housing project (1950 units) at a former Navy (R-1) housing site with the illusion that the project will benefit the City of Los Angeles financially.

Questions from the audience will follow each speaker's remarks. The public and press are invited to the meeting.

The next Valley VOTE meeting will be on Monday, September 17,2007.

Valley VOTE Mission Statement

Valley VOTE, a diverse coalition of San Fernando Valley residents, business people, educators, community activists, and organizations, is committed to exploring and fostering the implementation of programs that empower the people of the San Fernando Valley and the City of Los Angeles, to improve local governance, education and public participation on policy matters.

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