



Date: Monday, March 17, 2008,

Time: 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Place: Galpin Ford - 2nd Floor Meeting Room

15555 Roscoe Blvd. (at the 405)

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Agenda

6:45 PM - 7:30 PM Valley VOTE

Introductions

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

Housing Vic Viereck

Universal City Polly Ward

Neighborhood Councils George Truesdell

Membership Richard Leyner

LAWA Denny Schneider

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Special Guest: **Dennis Zine**

Councilmember Dennis P. Zine was born and raised in Los Angeles. The Councilmember began his public service career over 38 years ago when he joined the Los Angeles Police Department. Dennis was elected in 1997 by the residents of the 3rd District to represent Valley interests on the elected Charter Reform Commission. He has served as Councilmember for the 3rd District since July of 2001.

Councilmember Zine's priorities as an elected official include improving quality of life, reducing crime and increasing public safety, and addressing transportation issues using common sense and practical solutions. As Chairman of the Los Angeles City Council's Personnel Committee, Councilmember Zine is intimately involved in every aspect of employment policy within the City family. He serves as Vice-Chair of the Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee and is a member of Public Safety, Rules & Elections, and Inter-Governmental Relations committees.

Since his first election, Councilmember Zine has contributed over \$150,000 from his council salary to nonprofit organizations. Furthering his commitment to public safety, Dennis has been sworn in as a Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Officer. Councilmember Zine has formed the P.O.S.S.E. (People Organizing a Safe, Secure Environment), a volunteer group composed of concerned citizens who are professionally trained to go out into their communities and rid them of blight such as graffiti, abandoned cars, potholes, unkempt properties, and illegal sign postings.

We are very pleased that Dennis has found the time to bring us up to date on some of the current issues facing the City of Los Angeles.

8:00PM- 8:30PM

Special Guest: **Ernesto Cardenas**

Ernesto Cardenas was confirmed by the City Council as Board of Works Commissioner on June 13, 2007. The Board of Public Works Commissioners are the chief administrators of the Department of Public Works, a department consisting of more than 5,400 employees who are responsible for design, construction, renovation and operation of public projects ranging from bridges to wastewater treatment plants and libraries; curbside collection and graffiti removal; and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, sewers, streetlights and street trees.

Ernesto represents the Board on activities and issues concerning Valley Council Districts 3, 7, and 12. One of his special assignments is the 50-50 sidewalk program. Commissioner Cardenas earned his M.S. degree in Business from Cal Poly Pomona and his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UC at Santa Barbara.

We look forward to the Commissioner's comments on general public works projects and specifically the 50-50 sidewalk program.

Adjourn: 8:30PM

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

The next regular Valley VOTE meeting will be on **Monday, April 21, 2008**.

In the month of May we are pleased to announce that Mayor Villaraigosa has committed to meet with Valley VOTE on Monday, May 12, 2008. (the second Monday of the month)

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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