


Valley VOTE


Featured Speaker

Greig Smith

Date: Monday, Jan.19, 2009,

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30PM

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

**Parking: Free parking in the Galpin Lot on the West side of Orion
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Agenda

6:30PM- 7:30PM

Networking

Introductions

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

(5 minutes maximum for each including Q&A)

Housing

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Transportation

Bart Reed

LAWA Report

Denny Schneider

Prop B report

David Hernandez

DWP Update

Jack Humphreville

Membership

Richard Leyner

7:30 PM- 8:00PM

Bob Scott

Bob is the Director of the Mulholland Institute and oversees *Vision2020: San Fernando Valley*, a long term visioning project for the region. He is also Director of the CivicCenter Group, a firm that provides research and analysis in matters of public policy and planning. He has been president of the L.A. Planning Commission, past chair of VICA and the United Chambers of Commerce, and on the Charter Reform Commission for L.A. He has received numerous rewards for his outstanding leadership for 3 decades of community service for the citizens of Los Angeles.

Bob will speak about the effort to establish a **San Fernando Valley SCAG Planning subregion**. Valley leaders have been working since the cityhood campaign to create this subregion composed of Glendale, Burbank, San Fernando, and the Valley sections of the city and county of Los Angeles. He also will bring us up to date with the plans for a **San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (COG)** to serve as the planning and operational entity for this region.

We thank Bob for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us this evening

8:00PM - 8:30PM

Greig Smith

Greig was elected to Los Angeles City Council in 2003 and was reelected in 2007. As Councilman for the 12th District, Greig represents the neighborhoods of the Northwest San Fernando Valley. For more than 20 years, Greig has been a leader in the effort to end the use of landfills in urban areas, and has been at the forefront of the movement to shut down the Sunshine Canyon landfill in Granada Hills. 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 after recycling that currently goes to landfills into clean electricity and valuable raw materials using several conversion technology facilities.

The RENEW LA plan, endorsed by Valley VOTE in 2005, 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. RENEW LA was unanimously approved by the City Council in 2006 as City policy, and construction on the first conversion technology plant in L.A. is expected in 2010. Greig has also been working continually on behalf of the Northwest San Fernando Valley for more than 25 years with various community groups receiving numerous awards. Greig enrolled in the Los Angeles Police Academy in 1992 and was named the Valley's Devonshire Division Reserve Officer of the Year in 1996.

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 the University of Southern California.

Greig will discuss his **Los Angeles Legislative Economic Action Plan (LA LEAP)**. Los Angeles is perceived by many to be an unfriendly place to do business. The objective of **LA LEAP** is to enact legislation that will make the city a more desirable destination to conduct business. The plan consists of 13 legislative motions starting with; No. 1) Implement a Store Front Improvement Program, to finally No. 13) Implement a City Charter Change.

We would like to thank Greig for taking time out of his busy schedule to bring us up to date on **LA LEAP** and any other key current city council issues.

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

The next Valley VOTE meeting will be on Monday, February 16, 2008.

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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