

Valley VOTE

Date: Monday, July, 20, 2009

Time: 6:30pm - 8:15pm

**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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Assemblymember Krekorian

Agenda

6:30pm - 7:45pm

Networking

Introductions

George Truesdell

Richard Bort

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

(5 minutes MAXIMUM for each including Q&A)

Housing

Vic Viereck

LAWA
Sidewalks Issue
Membership
DWP update
Transportation

Denny Schneider
Pauline Tallent
Richard Leyner
Jack Humphreville
Bart Reed

7:45pm - 8:15pm Paul Krekorian

Assemblymember Paul Krekorian was elected to the California State Legislature in 2006 to serve the communities of Burbank, Glendale, Los Feliz, North Hollywood, Silver Lake, Valley Glen, Van Nuys and Toluca Lake. In 2008, Paul was tapped by Speaker Karen Bass to serve as Assistant Majority Floor Leader for the State Assembly. The post is the third-ranking leadership position in the Assembly after the Speaker herself. As Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Paul helps to lead all floor debates in the Assembly on behalf of the Democratic Caucus, and provides policy and political guidance to the Speaker.

Assemblymember Krekorian sponsored AB766. This bill would allow communities to help slow the ever-increasing rise in speed limits throughout the San Fernando Valley and state. This bill aims to provide local governments with an additional tool to keep the speeds traveled on local roads at a safe level for drivers, pedestrians, and communities as a whole. AB 766 was last heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee, but it was held in committee. The Chairman, Assemblyman Mike Eng, gave permission to hold a hearing in the Valley to allow residents the opportunity to provide their input about the bill.

Paul is fighting hard to save California's good middle class jobs in the film, television and recording industries exemplified by legislation he wrote in early 2009 that stimulated job and economic growth for the region's entertainment sector.

In his first year in Sacramento, Paul achieved remarkable legislative success, with the highest number of bills passed and signed by the governor of any freshman member. Among his important accomplishments are new laws that will reduce plastic pollution in the world's oceans (AB 258); expand solar energy generation in California and reduce carbon emissions (AB 946); protect senior citizens who are living in residential care facilities from abusive practices and neglect when those facilities close down (AB 949); make neighborhoods safer by authorizing local officials to evict gang members and others who use their residences to store or sell illegal weapons and ammunition (AB 1013); completely revamp and modernize California's trademark laws (AB 1484); and use prison resources more efficiently to achieve public safety by reducing expenditures on permanently medically incapacitated inmates (AB 1539).

Prior to his service in the Assembly, Paul served as President of the Burbank Board of Education. During his tenure, the district significantly improved student attendance and performance, increased teacher pay, launched the Burbank Priority in Education Foundation, encouraged greater student nutrition and exercise, and implemented groundbreaking programs to protect the environment and achieve energy efficiencies. At the same time, Paul served as President of the Five Star Education Coalition, a consortium of five suburban school districts that works to shape state and federal education policy.

Paul is a partner in the law firm of Fisher & Krekorian, and he has practiced as a business, entertainment and intellectual property litigation attorney for over 20 years. He has been a leader in his profession, having served on the Board of Trustees of the LA County Bar Association, the Board of Trustees of the LA County Law Library, the California State Legislature's Task Force on Court Facilities, and many local and state bar committees. He served on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, and the L.A. Police Commission appointed him as counsel to the Webster Commission in the aftermath of the riots in 1992.

Paul received his law degree from UC Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from USC. We are pleased to have Assemblymember Krekorian take time out his busy schedule to bring us up to date on what is happening in Sacramento

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

**There will be a Valley VOTE event on Saturday evening August 29, 2009.
Save the date. Details to follow.**

The next regular monthly Valley VOTE meeting will be on Monday, September 17, 2009.

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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