



Date: Monday, Nov.16, 2009

Time: 6:30pm - 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 - 7:00pm

Networking

Introductions

7:00pm- 7:30pm

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

(5 minutes MAXIMUM for each including Q&A)

Universal Project

Vic Viereck

DWP Strategic Plan

Richard Bort

LAWA

Denny Schneider

DWP update

Jack Humphreville

Transportation

Bart Reed

Membership

Richard Leyner

7:30pm- 8:10pm

Wendy Greuel

Wendy Greuel was sworn in as City Controller of Los Angeles on July 1, 2009, the second woman to be elected to a citywide office in the City's history. The City Controller ensures that City Hall spends taxpayer dollars wisely and responsibly by identifying and eliminating wasteful spending, exposing fraud and abuse in city government. Wendy is a lifelong Angeleno, who was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley and attended UCLA. Upon graduation, Wendy learned how to make things work for people at City Hall in the office of Mayor Bradley, where she was the mayor's liaison to the City Council, City Departments, and the community, on public policy issues including child care, the homeless, the elderly, and health issues.

In 1993, Wendy served with Cabinet Secretary Henry Cisneros as the Field Operations Officer for Southern California for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She oversaw HUD's emergency response and recovery programs after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. In 1997, Wendy joined the Corporate Affairs Department of DreamWorks SKG where she worked on the company's government and community affairs programs.

In 2002, Wendy was elected to the Los Angeles City Council and represented the Second District in the Northeast San Fernando Valley for seven years. As Councilwoman, Wendy worked tirelessly to be an independent voice fighting for the Valley's fair share of city resources. She focused on reducing traffic; banning road construction during rush hour; creating anti-gridlock zones; ensuring the completion of the Northbound 405 carpool lane. Wendy worked tirelessly to make Los Angeles more business friendly by cutting the City's business taxes. Wendy saved taxpayers millions of dollars by consolidating departments, cutting wasteful government spending and identifying fraud and corruption in city government. She has also sought to reduce the influence of money on our political process by banning City Commissioners from fundraising.

She currently lives in Studio City and is married to Dean Schramm. They have a six-year old son, Thomas.

Controller Greuel will update us on audits she has completed so far this year and what she plans for the future. She will also clarify her views on the proposed appointment of an L.A. DWP Rate Payer Advocate as proposed and supported by Valley VOTE.

We are very pleased to have Wendy Greuel take time out of her very busy schedule to visit us.

8:10pm - 8:30pm

Jarrold Degonia

Jarrold Degonia has been the District Director for Assemblymember Cameron Smyth for the 38th State Assembly District since 2006. He has been working for a number of years on the clean up activities at the Santa Susana Field Lab, also referred to as Rocketdyne, located in Ventura County, west of the L.A. City boundary in the San Fernando Valley. Jarrold has become knowledgeable with the issues surrounding the Field Lab as well as having relationships with individuals on all sides of the discussion and debate. Jarrold has worked with the community, regulatory entities, property owners, and local governments to gather support for legislation to form the Santa Susana Park at Rocketdyne. He will bring us up to date on the status of this effort. We thank Jarrold for taking time to bring us up to date on the Santa Susana Park legislation that Valley VOTE has supported since March of 2008.

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 monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on Monday, January 18, 2010. **Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich** will be our featured speaker.

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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