



Date: Monday, Feb.15, 2010

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
Please do not park in the customer service areas.**

Agenda

6:30pm - 7:00pm

Networking

Introductions

7:00pm- 7:40pm

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

(~5 minutes for each including Q&A)

Housing	Vic Viereck
LAWA	Denny Schneider
DWP update	Jack Humphreville
Transportation	Bart Reed
Nuclear Power	Joe Vitti
Membership	Richard Leyner

7:40pm- 8:15pm

Joel Fox



Joel Fox operates **Joel Fox Consulting**, a public affairs/political consulting firm. He also currently serves as President of the **Small Business Action Committee**, founded in 2003 to battle for small business on important political issues. Prior to starting his own firm in January 1999, Fox worked for the **Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association for 19 years**, serving as the association's President from 1986 to 1998. Joel is also a member of the Valley VOTE Board.

Mr.Fox is a co-publisher and editor-in-chief of the website, **Fox and Hounds Daily** (www.foxandhoundsdaily.com), which offers commentary and news on California business and politics. He has authored hundreds of opinion articles which have been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, and many other leading newspapers across the country. Joel's book "The Legend of Proposition 13" was published in May 2003.

In 2004, he was proponent of the workers' compensation reform initiative embraced by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, which played a major role in leading to legislative compromise on workers' comp reform. Joel served as a commissioner on the *California Performance Review Commission* (2004) appointed by **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger**; and the Assembly Speaker's *Commission on the California Initiative Process* (2000-2001) appointed by Speaker **Bob Hertzberg**. Speaker **Antonio Villarraigosa** appointed Fox a commissioner on the California Assembly Speaker's *Commission on State and Local Finance* (1999-2000). He has also served on numerous commissions appointed by former Governor **Pete Wilson** and Supervisor **Mike Antonovich** asked him to join the L.A. County Blue Ribbon Budget Task Force in 1996.

Joel served as a Senior Research Associate at the Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College; was on the Advisory Council of the Public Policy Institute of California; and is a member of the Board of Advisors at the Initiative and Referendum Institute at the University of Southern California. He is an adjunct professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, Pepperdine University.

Fox was a Senior Policy Consultant for the Schwarzenegger for Governor campaign during the historic Recall

election of 2003; Policy Director for **Richard Riordan** for Governor in 2001-2; and a state cochairman for **John McCain** for President in 2000.

We are very pleased to have Joel take time out of his very hectic schedule to bring us up to date on what is happening in Sacramento. and other current state wide issues.

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

The next regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on Monday, March.15, 2010 at Galpin Ford.

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.

Please forward this Email to interested individuals and organizations. If you would like to be removed from our distribution list please send an Email to javittisr@cs.com