

# **Valley VOTE**

**Date: Monday, March 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**

**Land Use**

**Pauline Tallent**

**LAWA**

**Denny Schneider**

**DWP update**

**Jack Humphreville**

**Transportation**

**Bart Reed**

**Nuclear Power**

**Joe Vitti**

**Membership**

**Richard Leyner**

**7:40pm- 8:15pm**

## **Carmen Trutanich**



**L.A. City Attorney Carmen Trutanich**

Carmen A. Trutanich was elected City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles on May 19, 2009. Carmen, who was

born and raised in the South Los Angeles neighborhood of San Pedro, attended local schools; earning both his undergraduate degree and MBA at the University of Southern California.

Upon completing his law degree at the South Bay University College of Law in 1978, Carmen joined the L.A. County District Attorney's Office. Carmen became the first and only Deputy D.A. to secure a death verdict while assigned to the Environmental Crimes/ OSHA Unit. Carmen was also the first prosecutor in California to obtain a felony conviction for illegal disposal of hazardous waste and the first to draft a set of court-approved jury instructions for environmental crimes.

Carmen left the District Attorney's Office in 1988 to work in private practice. In 1998 he formed Trutanich-Michel, LLP, where he continued to focus on environmental litigation. Carmen has been lead trial counsel in more than 300 trials, including more than 100 jury trials. California Lawyer magazine chose him as one of the top 10 in the field of environmental law and land use in his roles as practitioner and instructor. Carmen has been named a Southern California "Superlawyer" for the past four years in a row, and has received an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubell, the highest possible rating, in the areas of legal ability and ethical standards. Carmen and his wife Noreen have four children: Kristin is a Deputy D.A. currently assigned to Long Beach Juvenile, Nicholas serves as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California; Kimberly is an educator; and Caitlin is studying at Santa Clara University.

Mr. Trutanich will bring us up to date with the many issues facing his department in these tough economic times for the city of L.A. and its residents. He will discuss the legal status of items of interest to our members including; medical marijuana establishments; sober living homes; outdoor sign issues including: electronic; covering large buildings; on street trailers.

We are so pleased that Mr. Trutanich has taken time out of his very hectic schedule to be with us this evening. I urge our members to attend. He is driving from the San Pedro area to be with us and we thank him for all his time and his presentation.

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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 regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on **Monday, April 12, 2010** at Galpin Ford.

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### Valley VOTE Mission Statement

Valley VOTE, a diverse coalition of San Fernando Valley residents, businesspeople, 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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