



Date: Monday, September 20, 2010

Time: 6:30pm - 8:20pm

**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

Transportation

Bart Reed

DWP Rate Payer Advocate Jack Humphreville

Nuclear Power

Joe Vitti

Membership/ Event

Richard Leyner

7:40pm - 8:10pm

Richard Katz



Richard Katz is a Governing Board member of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa in 2005. He is a member of the *Measure R Project Delivery Committee* and the *Executive Management and Audit Committee*. The MTA serves as transportation planner and coordinator, designer, builder and operator for one of the country's largest, most populous counties. More than 9.6 million people, nearly one-third of California's residents, live, work, and play within its 1,433-square-mile service area.

Richard Katz is also the owner of a successful public policy and government relations firm based in Los Angeles, Richard Katz Consulting (RKC) Inc. RKC offers a wide variety of services, including strategic advice, message development, negotiations/mediation and government relations strategies. RKC brings a vast knowledge of all levels of government and can guide clients through the maze of both bureaucratic and regulatory concerns. In addition, they can develop, direct and implement a communications strategy to specific stakeholders. Targeting interest groups and helping clients gain entry into organizations, stakeholders and corporations through their vast contacts and decades of relationships is their specialty.

Richard was first elected to the California State Assembly representing the Valley in 1980 and served continuously for 16 years. As Democratic Leader in 1995, he led the Party back to majority status by winning 43 seats in the 1996 elections. California's term limits law prohibited Katz from seeking reelection. For 10 years, he served as Chair of the powerful Assembly Transportation Committee. Katz authored Proposition 111, a 10 year Transportation Blueprint passed by the voters. He created the Congestion Management Plan, requiring cities and counties to measure and mitigate impacts of land use decisions on their streets, highways and transit systems. Richard also spearheaded numerous investigations of governmental waste.

In addition to serving as Chair of the Transportation Committee, Katz worked in policy areas including education, environment, criminal justice and consumer issues. Some of his accomplishments include authoring and getting passed laws dealing with prison reform, groundwater protection, computer education, a \$100 million school bus replacement program, Mono Lake restoration, and landmark water market legislation.

He was also Chair of *Angelenos for Better Classrooms*, which led the successful 1997 campaign to pass a \$2.4 billion L.A. school bond.

In 2001 Richard was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board, confirmed by the Senate and served for six years, occupying the water quality seat. In Jan. of 2003, Governor Davis appointed Katz his Senior Advisor on Energy and Water issues.

Richard also serves on the Executive Committee and Board of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley and the Boards of: Heal the Bay, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Valley VOTE, The Children's Community School, Project Grad, Encino Tarzana Hospital Foundation and Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH).

A native of Los Angeles, Richard lives in Sherman Oaks with Wendy Mitchell, their 3 year old son Mitchell Robert and their two dogs.

We are so pleased to have Richard take time out of his very busy schedule to bring us up to date on the many issues faced by the MTA in these tough economic times.

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, October 18, 2010** at Galpin Ford.

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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