

# Valley VOTE

## Agenda

June 18,2012 -- Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Place:Galpin Ford-2nd floor Community room**

**15555 Roscoe blvd.- exit at Roscoe Blvd. of the 405**

Parking: Free parking in the Galpin lot on the west side of Orion

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

**6:30pm-7:00pm: Networking**

**7:00pm-7:35pm: Reports by Valley VOTE Committees:**

- **Vic Viereck -- Rental Property Issues**
- **Bart Reed -- L.A. Transportation**
- **Denny Schneider -- LAX Update**

**7:35pm- 8:30PM:**

## Ron Galperin

“Why I am a candidate for City Controller” by Ron Galperin

Los Angeles is at a crossroads. Ours is a great City - but one with critical challenges and a pressing need to get its financial house in order. More than ever, new and dynamic leadership that's smart, knowledgeable and focused is called for to serve our residents, our businesses, and our future. With your help, I want to do just that as your Controller.

In my experience heading up two L.A. City commissions to reform our management and finances, I understand the inner workings of our City and what it takes to make it work. I am ready to apply my successful track record in business, law and community leadership to the job of being L.A.'s watchdog for accountability, responsiveness and the bottom line.

We have a historic opportunity to bring change to L.A. – and to lead the state and the nation. I invite you to learn more, to get involved.



### *Experience:*

- Chair, City of L.A. Commission on Revenue Efficiency.
- President, City of L.A. Quality & Productivity Commission.
- Commissioner, County of L.A. Quality & Productivity Commission.
- Task Force Member, Home For Good: United Way
- L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce Homelessness Task Force.
- Vice President, Bel Air/Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council.
- Chair, Fed Up With Hunger initiative,
- L.A. Jewish Federation.
- Attorney, Business Owner, Broker, Cantor and Educator.
- Author of hundreds of articles as columnist for the L.A. Times and L.A. Business Journal.

## ***What's Missing: How our Money and our City is Being Wasted -- And What We Can Do About It.***

"Waste, fraud and abuse" has almost become a cliché in Los Angeles as our elected officials talk about it all the time -- while doing very little to root it out. But, it's very real. Here are just a few of the many examples of how L.A.'s current officials are squandering our money and our future:

**Missed opportunities** - City Hall spends nearly 90% of its billions of dollars in annual purchases on businesses out of L.A. It's a foolish waste of tax dollars that could be bolstering local jobs, businesses and revenues. L.A.'s Commission on Revenue Efficiency, which I've chaired, discovered \$60 million in City cars purchased over just six-months - and not one car was bought in L.A.

**Misplaced priorities** -- While L.A. officials cut police and fire services -- and gut arts programs for kids -- the City will spend more than \$1 million in Public Safety Bond and Cultural Affairs Dept. funds for art curators at L.A.P.D. stations. Or, how about the City spending \$350,000 in scarce emergency preparedness funds on a few stick-figure [tsunami warning signs](#)? Instead, we should be supporting the work of our public safety officers, arts programs for at-risk youth, and meaningful emergency preparedness. In brief, we need better priorities.

**Misappropriations -- With** a lack of oversight by L.A.'s leaders, we've seen a wave of reports of misappropriation at the City's Dept. of Transportation, bribery uncovered by the FBI at the Dept. of Building & Safety, theft at our animal shelters, and a litany of abuses by officials at the L.A. Memorial Coliseum. Lost are tens of millions of dollars - along with the public trust.

**Misspending** -- L.A.'s Harbor Dept. went nearly \$100 million over budget on six recent construction projects. Buried on page 81 of an obscure July 2011 [Report](#) are the ugly facts about wild cost overruns of 986% for a parking and landscaping project, 793% for a new police station and 571% for a cruise ship baggage handling facility. For now, it's business as usual. It doesn't have to be this way. As your next Controller, I'll fight and succeed to stop the out of control spending - and to be the tough and effective watchdog this City needs. It can and must be done - and I have a plan to make it happen.

The Valley VOTE members would like to thank Ron for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with us.

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**The next regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on Monday, July 16, 2012 at Galpin Ford.**

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### *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.*