



Agenda

Nov. 19 2012 -- Time: 6:30pm to 8:05pm

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 - Trash Hauling

Bart Reed- L.A. Transportatiion

Denny Schneider LAX update

7:35pm- 8:05pm

Carmen Trutanich

City Attorney Carmen Trutanich is not a career politician. He was first elected to office in 2009 at age 57, after a successful private practice and working as a gang and environmental crimes prosecutor in the District Attorney's office. He is married and has four adult children: two are teachers, two are crime-fighting public prosecutors. Public service runs in the family's DNA.

Your Independent Prosecutor at City Hall:

Trutanich was the first elected official in LA history to invite an audit of his agency. He has even proposed a ballot measure to empower the city controller to audit the offices of all elected officials. Trutanich is suing a bank that lost \$95 million of the city's pension fund money in illegal, risky investment bets. The pension board - made up of political appointees – wanted no part of a lawsuit that showed they had neglected their duties. Trutanich is also vehemently opposed to Mayor Villaraigosa's idea of replacing an independent, elected city attorney with an appointed one. The last thing LA needs is a city attorney who takes his marching orders from his political paymasters.

Protects our neighborhoods:

Crime is down 23 percent since Trutanich took office. He has filed injunctions against three street gangs and a notorious "tagging crew" responsible for thousands of graffiti markings in the Valley; his office handles 70 percent of all criminal cases filed by the LAPD; and he is suing two banks that allowed hundreds of foreclosed properties to fall into disrepair, creating blighted neighborhoods in the San Fernando Valley.

Protects taxpayers

Under Trutanich's administration, the city has successfully defended the city against \$235 million in civil liability damages lawsuits filed by those who historically saw the city as easy pickings. Not any more. And he has saved Valley taxpayers' tens of millions of dollars a year by slashing by two-thirds the city's use of expensive, outside attorneys. It's hard to find another city department that's been more effective in protecting hard-pressed taxpayers.

Protects the vulnerable

Trutanich went after insurance companies that tried to drop coverage to women after they got breast cancer; and he used an ingenious legal strategy to bar nearly 100 drug-dealers, who routinely preyed on the homeless, from setting foot on skid-row.

The next regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on Monday, Nov. 19, 2012 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 policy matters.

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