

Valley VOTE

AGENDA

Meeting Date: Monday Sept, 21, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm

Place: Galpin Ford - 2nd floor meeting room
15555 Roscoe Blvd (at the 405)

Free parking in the Galpin Lot on the West side of Orion.

Please do not park in the customer parking areas.

6:30pm Networking

6:50pm Introductions - Flag Salute

7:00pm Valley VOTE Committees -5 minutes each, limited questions

Vic Viereck

Rentals

David DeVoss

Building and Safety

Ralph Kroy

Sunshine Canyon

Joe Vitti

Asia- Nuclear Power

Susan Shelly

Pierce College

Denny Schneider

LAX

7:45pm **Scott Schmerelson -LAUSD District 3**

Scott Mark Schmerelson is a life-long educator who has spent over 35 years working closely with students, parents and his school site colleagues. Scott has worked as a teacher, school counselor, Assistant Principle, and Principle in the LAUSD .Scott retired as Principal of Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Middle School in South Los Angeles after 10 years of service that included significantly improving test scores, a deteriorated physical plant, and student, teacher and parent morale. Scott has been the treasurer of the Middle Schools Principals' Association and is currently the treasurer of the Cuban-American Teachers' Association. He is a member of the Association of California School Administrators and served a two year term as President of Region 16. He is currently the Executive Director of Region 16 which encompasses the entire Los Angeles Unified School District. [We are pleased to welcome Scott to Valley VOTE to bring us up to date on the challenges at the LAUSD.](#)

8:15pm **Cindy Montanez**

Cindy Montanez has worked at both state and local government. In her 20's, she served as Mayor and Councilmember in the City of San Fernando, where she helped bring about a continuing revitalization and preservation of the historic City of San Fernando. At 28 she became the youngest women elected to the California State Assembly, where she passed significant consumer protection, environmental and infrastructure bills. She later served on the L.A. Planning Commission, a State Commission, and Assistant General Manager for the L.A. Department of Water and Power giving her hands-on experience with two of the most complicated agencies in L.A. Cindy now runs her own government relations and public outreach firm. We are pleased to have Cindy accept our invitation to speak and look forward to her remarks.

8:45 pm **Public Comment** (2 minute limit)

Adjourn

Valley VOTE Mission Statement

Valley VOTE is a diverse coalition of San Fernando Valley residents, business people, educators, community activists, and organizations, 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. We meet monthly to address key policy issues and hear reports from our standing committee chairs. For additional information about Valley VOTE, for an upcoming meeting agenda, or for previous meeting reports and press releases, we encourage you to go to our web site - Valleyvote.org.

The press and public are invited to attend our meetings.

Next Meeting is on October 19, 2015.