

Valley VOTE

AGENDA

Meeting Date: Monday, October 16, 2017

Time: **6:30pm - 8:30pm**

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.

Contact: President Joe Vitti - at javittisr@cs.com

6:30pm	Networking
6:50pm	Introductions - Flag Salute
7:10pm	Valley VOTE Committees - 4 minutes each, limited questions
Vic Viereck	Housing
Ralph Kroy	Sunshine Canyon
David DeVoss	Newhall Development
Ernie Hilger	Veterans
Denny Schneider	LAX

7:30 pm Controller of the City of L.A. - Ron Galperin

Ron Galperin serves as Controller of the City of Los Angeles -- working as the watchdog for L.A.'s taxpayers. Controller Galperin oversees a team conducting independent audits, managing the City's payroll and disbursements, preparing reports on the City's finances, pursuing waste and fraud, providing information about the City's finances and operations online -- and focusing on modernization, management and metrics. As Controller, Galperin launched ControlPanel.LA, the City's first open data portal -- featuring the City's checkbook, details on the goods and services the City buys, assets and liabilities, employee compensation, operating indicators and much more.

Under Galperin's leadership, the Controller's office has issued numerous financial and performance audits focused on improving the efficiency and accountability of City government -- and on delivering quality City services. Audits conducted by the Controller are helping to improve street services, how the City handles foreclosure properties, cable fees, funds for the arts, management of the City's many special funds, worker's compensation costs, development fees, airport operations -- and much more.

One of the Controller's priorities has been to make the Dept. of Water and Power more transparent and responsive to ratepayers. He created Utility Panel, LA, a data portal featuring key financial data about DWP spending and payroll. The Controller's office conducted audits of the utility's Joint Training Institute and Joint Safety Institute and released an Industrial, Economic and Administrative Survey of the DWP, with specific recommendations for structural reforms and creation of performance dashboards.

Prior to his being elected as Controller in 2013, Galperin built a reputation as a leading voice for government reform. He is the first Neighborhood Council member elected to city-wide office in Los Angeles. As an officer of his neighborhood council, he advocated for quality of life improvements and more responsible neighborhood planning. He also developed and taught "L.A. City Government 101" to new neighborhood council members throughout the city and served as a council budget advocate. Controller Galperin has long promoted cutting waste and developing programs to help businesses create jobs. As Chair of the Los Angeles Commission on Revenue Efficiency he worked to develop new revenue sources and budget savings to deliver more services to residents and businesses. He also served as President of the City's Quality & Productivity Commission.

Galperin brings to the Controller job more than twenty years of experience as a transactional and litigation attorney and small business owner. He received his J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and his undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis. He lives in West Los Angeles with his husband, Rabbi Zachary Shapiro.

We are very pleased that Controller Galperin has taken the time out of his busy schedule to visit with us this evening.

8:15 pm 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. **Mail your dues to Valley VOTE-14622 Ventura Blvd. # 424 ,Sherman Oaks, CA. 91403** - Thank you. We are a 501c4 non profit with no paid staff. We appreciate the dues payments from our members to help meet our goals.* The press and public are invited to attend our meetings.