

Valley VOTE Monthly Meeting Notice

Roberto Barragan - President of the Valley Economic Development Center will be our featured speaker

Date: Monday, February 20,2006

Time: 6:45PM - 8:30PM

Place: Galpin Ford -2nd Floor Meeting Room, 15555 Roscoe Blvd. [at the 405]

**Parking: Free parking in Galpin Lot on west side of Orion
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Agenda

6:45PM - 7:30PM Valley VOTE

Introductions

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

Housing Vic Viereck

Finance Richard Bort

LAWA Denny Schneider

Clean Money Robin Gilbert

Neighborhood councils Polly Ward

7:30PM - 8:00PM Bart Reed - Transit Coalition

Paul Dyson- Rail Passengers Association

Bart Reed, the Executive Director of the Transit Collation, and Paul Dyson, the President of the Rail Passengers Association of Ca. and a Burbank City Transportation Commissioner, will be co-presenters. They will speak about the benefits of connecting the Orange Line in North Hollywood to the Metrolink/Amtrac stations at the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank.This Orange Busway extension would be a key step to regionalizing air travel in the Los Angeles basin. Adding Metrolink service to LAX and the South Bay will also be discussed.

8:00PM- 8:30PM Roberto Barragan

Roberto Barragan is President of the Valley Economic Development Center, Inc., (VEDC). VEDC, with headquarters in the San Fernando Valley, is a community based private nonprofit corporation which offers training, consulting, technical assistance and financing to small and medium-sized businesses. VEDC has over 26 years experience and a superb track record of providing business services throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. With 5 offices it services 11,000 businesses yearly with direct business assistance. Roberto has had extensive experience managing non-profits and is a nationally recognized expert on loan funds and microlending. He will discuss how VEDC helps small and median size businesses. Roberto graduated from Princeton University and has a Masters of Business Administration from U.C. Berkeley.

Questions from the audience will follow each speaker's remarks. The public and press are invited to the meeting.

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 implementing programs that empower the people of the San Fernando Valley and the City of Los Angeles, including opportunities to improve local governance, education and public participation on policy matters.

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