



Meeting Notice
Our featured speakers are:

Richard Katz
MTA Board Member
and
Michael Collins
Executive V.P. LA INC

Date: Monday, April 16, 2007
Time: 6:45 PM - 8:40PM
Place: Galpin Ford - 2nd Floor meeting
Room, 15555 Roscoe Blvd. [at the 405]

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Agenda

6:45PM- 7:40PM Valley VOTE

- Introductions**
- Reports by Valley VOTE Committees**

Housing	Vic Viereck
Land Use	Pauline Tallent
LAWA	Denny Schneider
Transportation	Bart Reed
Neighborhood Councils	Polly Ward
Prop. R Legal Status	David Hernandez
Membership	Richard Leyner

7:40PM - 8:10PM Michael Collins

Michael Collins has worked for the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau (LA INC). since 1990. Prior to joining LA INC he was Vice President of Marketing at the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. His career began in New York City where he held various supervisory positions with leading Advertising firms. Today he serves on the Executive Committee of the Central City Association and is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Hotel Association of Los Angeles. Michael is also on the Board of Directors of the Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation, the South Park Business Improvement District, and the Harbor Light Center in downtown Los Angeles. After a tour of duty in Vietnam he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Michael will discuss the challenges faced by LA INC in it's effort to compete with other cities for Convention and Visitors business.

8:10PM to 8:40PM

Richard Katz

In June of 2005 Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Richard Katz to serve with him on the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). Richard was first elected to the California State Assembly in 1980 and was the Democratic Leader in 1995. For 10 years he served as Chair of the State Assembly Transportation Committee. He authored Proposition 111, a 10 year Transportation Blueprint, which raised more money for mass transit and highways than any other effort in the history of California. He created the Congestion Management Plan, requiring cities and counties to measure and mitigate impacts of land use decisions on their streets, highways and transit systems. In addition to transportation issues, Richard worked on policy areas that included the environment, education, criminal justice and consumer issues. He also was California's lead negotiator for the landmark Colorado River Agreement between California, the Federal Government, four California Water agencies, and the six Colorado River Basin States.

Richard currently serves on numerous organizations in Los Angeles including the L.A. Children's Museum and Heal the Bay. He is the owner of a successful public policy and government relations firm, *Richard Katz Consulting, - RKC Inc.* Richard lives in Sherman Oaks with his wife Wendy and son Mitchell.

Richard's remarks will focus on the issue of transportation in Los Angeles and the surrounding regions and it's impact on the Valley and L.A.

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

The next meeting will be on **Monday, May 21,2007.**

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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