



Date: Monday, April 21, 2008,

Time: 6:45 PM - 8:30PM

**Place: Galpin Ford - 2nd Floor Meeting Room
15555 Roscoe Blvd. (at the 405)**

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

6:45PM- 7:30PM Valley VOTE

Introductions

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

Housing

Vic Viereck

Universal City

Polly Ward

Neighborhood Councils

George Truesdell

LAWA

Denny Schneider

Membership

Richard Leyner

7:30PM - 8:00 PM Mike Antonovich

Michael D. Antonovich, a native of Los Angeles County, has served the two million residents of Los Angeles County's Fifth Supervisorial District since 1980. The district, over two thousand square miles in area, includes all or part of the San Gabriel, Pomona, San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys.

He was elected to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees in 1969 and in 1972. He served in the California State Assembly until 1978 and rose to become the Republican Whip. Mike was elected in 1980 to the Board of Supervisors. His 28 years on the Board has been characterized by his determined and eloquent defense of taxpayers and their right to limited and effective government. Mike graduated Cal State L.A. with a Bachelor of Arts in 1963 and a Master of Arts in 1967 and taught Government/History classes at LAUSD for 6 years from 1966 to 1972. He resides in Glendale with his wife Christine Hu, their son, Michael, Jr. and daughter, Mary Christine.

Supervisor Antonovich will provide an update on current L.A. County issues impacting the San Fernando Valley. He will focus on transportation, illegal immigration and public safety issues. He will discuss the county's Probation department's "Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Program" (DISARM). The major objective of this program is to confiscate weapons and drugs from probationers. We are very pleased that Supervisor Antonovich has found the time in his busy schedule to visit Valley VOTE.

8:00PM- 8:30PM Mary Benson

Mary Benson is CEO of the Los Angeles Trails Project (a part of the National Heritage Foundation a 501c3). Mary is also a member of the Upper Los Angeles River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Steering Committee. She graduated from CSUN with a BS in Business Administration and is a Former VP for the Sun Valley Neighborhood

Council and the Treasurer of Foothill Trails NC.

The LA Trails Project is currently working on the Rim of the Valley (ROV) through a Technical Assistance Grant from the National Parks Service: Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance unit. Mary will provide a presentation covering a brief history and what is happening now with the ROV trail. She will also discuss the master plan, the benefits of the ROV, and who has jurisdictional authority.

Mary will also will also present a number of ROV related recommendations. Namely, to support the incorporation of the ROV into the "mobility element" of the L.A. City's General Plan; to support passage of the U.S. Senate's Version of HR 3998; to support a section in the Public Resources Code section of the Recreational Trails Act (5070 to 5077) for dedicated development dollars for the ROV system; to also support Federal designation as a National Scenic Trail.

Finally, Mary will invite all to attend to attend the Greenways Conference sponsored by the California State Parks May 28,29 &30th. She will provide details at the meeting.

Adjourn: 8:30PM

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

The next Valley VOTE meeting will be on Monday, May 12, 2008.

Mayor Villaraigosa will be our guest speaker.

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 on policy matters.

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