

# Valley VOTE

## Agenda

Jan.16,2012 -- Time: 6:30pm-830pm

**Place:Galpin Ford-2nd floor community room  
15555 Roscoe blvd.- exit at Roscoe Blvd. of the 405**

Parking: Free parking in the Galpin lot on the west side of Orion  
**Please do not park in the customer service areas**

6:30pm-7:00pm

Networking

**7:00pm-7:45pm**

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees

**7:45pm- 8:30pm**

### Richard Katz



Richard Katz is a Board member of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: (also known as **Metro** (branding), **MTA** or **LACMTA**). Richard will discuss the current challenges faced by MTA with particular emphasis on the San Fernando Valley.

#### *Brief MTA Background*

The [California](#) state-chartered regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) and [public transportation](#) operating agency for the [County of Los Angeles](#) formed in 1993 out of a merger of the [Southern California Rapid Transit District](#) and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. The agency develops and oversees transportation plans, policies, funding programs, and both short-term and long-range solutions that address the county's increasing mobility, accessibility and environmental needs. The agency is the primary transit provider for the *City* of Los Angeles providing the bulk of such services. The MTA has its headquarters in central [Los Angeles](#).

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority operates the third-largest public transportation system in the [United States](#) by ridership with a 1,433 mi<sup>2</sup> (3,711 km<sup>2</sup>) operating area and 2,000 peak hour buses on the street any given business day.<sup>[4]</sup> Metro also designed, built and now operates 79.1 miles (127.3 km) of urban rail service. The authority has 9,200 employees, making it one of the region's largest employers.

The authority also partially funds sixteen municipal bus operators and a wide array of transportation projects including bikeways and pedestrian facilities, local roads and highway improvements, goods movement, [Metrolink](#) regional commuter rail, Freeway Service Patrol and freeway call boxes within the greater metropolitan Los Angeles region.

In 2006, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority was named Outstanding Transportation System for 2006 by the [American Public Transportation Association](#). Most buses and trains have "America's Best" decals affixed.

We would like to thank Richard Katz for taking time out of his busy schedule to bring us up to date on what is happening at the MTA.

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

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The next regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on Monday, Feb.20,2012 at Galpin Ford.

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*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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