

# Valley VOTE

## Agenda

Feb, 20,2012 -- Time: 6:30pm-830pm

**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:

Vic Viereck - Trash Collection Questions

Bart Reed - L.A. Transportation update

Denny Schneider - LAX issues

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

**Bob Hertzberg** will discuss the question,

## **“Is California fixable?”**



Robert Hertzberg, 57, is the former speaker of the California Legislature - twice unanimously elected on a bipartisan vote in 2000 and 2002. While in the legislature he represented the San Fernando Valley, and he continues to be a strong voice for the interests of the Valley.

As a legislator, his problem-solving approach and his hardworking style resulted in a wide range of breakthrough successes on many long-standing and difficult challenges facing California, and he delivered BIG on many important issues for the Valley, including critical issues relating to the valley secession. A “Googlism” search characterizes Robert Hertzberg as “one of the most talented and respected legislators ever to come out of the California Assembly.” In an editorial, the Los Angeles Times said this about Bob Hertzberg: “He is a high-velocity wonk; he loves BIG ideas, and will flesh out every one of them if you give him a chance.” The Daily News has said: Hertzberg “has relentless dedication and indefatigable energy... he has a reputation for integrity and perseverance.” In his efforts, he has appeared on many national and international news shows, including, The BBC, Nightline, CNN, Bloomberg, CBS Evening News and has been the subject of stories in The Economist, Fortune, among other publications.

After leaving the legislature in 2002, Mr. Hertzberg served on the transition team of Governor Schwarzenegger and, in 2005, was a candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles narrowly missing the runoff by less than 1%. Mr. Hertzberg then served as Chairman of the transition team for Los Angeles Mayor

Antonio Villaraigosa, and now is serving as the Co-Chair for the Transition team of the newly elected Los Angeles City Attorney- Carmen Trutanich.

After leaving the Legislature, he also co-founded, Solar Integrated Technologies in South Los Angeles, now a public company, which was the 2005 Wall Street Journal recipient of the Innovation Award, in the Energy and Power sector. Now, as Co-Founder of G24 Innovations Mr. Hertzberg is an active entrepreneur and leader in global policy concerning Renewable Energy. G24 Innovations is based in Cardiff, Wales and manufactures a new type of lightweight and flexible solar cell that generates power in low, ambient and even indoor conditions. Recently, CNBC European Business chose G24 Innovations as one its Top 100 Low-Carbon Pioneers (January, 2008), and The Guardian (UK) chose Robert as one of the **50 People Who Could Save The Planet** (January, 2008). Mr. Hertzberg replaced Leon Panetta as Co-Chair of California Forward, who was tapped by President Obama to serve a Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and then as Secretary of Defense. California Forward is a Bi-Partisan Group funded by California's largest foundations, and is focused on repairing the dysfunction of California's government. Mr. Hertzberg also serves on The Think Long Committee of California.

Named as "One of the Most Influential People in Southern California" by the Los Angeles Times, and one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal, Mr. Hertzberg remains an active civic life throughout our the community and is particularly active in and deeply committed to the San Fernando Valley. In addition to VICA, Mr. Hertzberg serves on the boards of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, is a member of the Valley Group, ValPac, the Valley Economic Development Center, among many other endeavors. Bob is a partner at Mayer, Brown, LLP, one of the 6th largest law firms in the United States, where he is a member of the Global Trade and Government Practice Group. He is a Magna Cum Laude Graduate of The University of Redlands(1976) and received his JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law (1979). Mr. Hertzberg has 3 sons, Raymond, (24) who works at CAA, David (22) who is a music composition student at The Juilliard School in New York City and Daniel (20), who attends Goucher College in Maryland.

We are so pleased Bob has found the time to visit Valley VOTE.

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**The next regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on Monday, March 19, 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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