

Valley VOTE

Agenda

May 21, 2012 -- Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

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-7:35pm

Reports by Valley VOTE Committees:

Vic Viereck -	L.A. River
Bart Reed-	L.A. Transportation
Denny Schneider	Lax update
Maria Fisk	Community Care Facility Ordinance
Navraj Singh- CA	Congressional Candidate,

7:35 pm -8:30 pm

Mayoral Candidate Jan Perry

"A Love Affair with Los Angeles"-- By Jan Perry

It all began when I went on a trip to Los Angeles from Ohio to celebrate the New Year and attend the Rose Bowl. I was struck by the stunning contrast of the snow capped mountains and the bright warm January day. The beautiful blue ocean was on one side and the great rugged desert on the other and the way the sun sets over both. I was impressed by the mix of people I encountered here, the many, different communities, and many neighbors all here working together to form one very big city. I made up my mind then to come to Los Angeles.

At a very early age, I was taken along with my parents to voter registration drives and to do campaign work for elections. As a teenager with a new license, I remember driving people to the polls and helping get out the vote on election day. I learned firsthand about service to others and the needs of the community.

My mother traveled with family members by bus to Washington D.C. to witness Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. The stories they returned with inspired me as I began my college education. I transferred from Case Western to USC in 1974 and immediately looked for volunteer opportunities here. I remember one of my first volunteer opportunities was at the Joint Educational Project, the literacy and tutoring program for elementary school kids in South Los Angeles. The experience motivated me to continue serving my community.

Tom Bradley was mayor then, and I was really impressed by the changes he was bringing to Los Angeles. I admired his hard work, his quiet but persistent style, and the vision he had for the future of the city. He wasn't flashy. It wasn't all about his image. He just got the job done and people liked what he was doing.

Education Work and Family

I earned both my Bachelors and Masters Degree at USC, married and began work as a



paralegal. I became active in my local community eventually serving as president of my homeowners association. I developed interests in both historic preservation and land use. In 1990, I was offered a position as Planning Deputy at the Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo. This opened a new chapter in my life. I discovered that working for an elected official was a powerful means of helping communities. Good government does get things done for people. The government can work if you know what you are doing.

In 1993, I was asked to serve as Chief of Staff for a former City Councilwoman of the Ninth District. This provided me with the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with the people living and working in the district. During this time, my daughter was born. That was a wonderful time in my life. Having a family added a greater dimension to my view of the city and what residents need to make a home here.

A Passion to Serve and a Record of Success

In 2000, I made the decision to run to represent the Ninth Council District. I knew many of the people living and working there. I believed we could initiate programs that would improve the South Los Angeles communities and the downtown area. I had the skills and saw this as my time to run for public office. Thanks to a lot of hard work and a pretty wonderful staff of supporters, we won.

Since 2001, I have worked 24/7 to improve a council district that had not seen much investment or significant attention in over a generation. I secured over \$70 million for park and recreation facilities for families in the district. I worked with developers both for-profit and not-for-profit to urge the construction of 5,000 units of affordable and supportive housing for families, seniors, and the homeless. I began the process of undoing decades of environmental decay in south Los Angeles where industrial uses were developed in single family neighborhoods. I saw the opportunity to create more park space and installed two award winning wetland projects in South Los Angeles. I worked with the community on land use policy to prevent the over

proliferation of stand-alone fast food restaurants, defining land use as an opportunity for the development of new sit-down restaurants and much-needed grocery stores. I built a new Silver LEED certified City Hall at 43rd and Central Avenue in south Los Angeles, installed a farmers' market there, and added two major mixed-use housing projects with grocery stores to the community. I was determined to fully restore the historic Dunbar Hotel and that project is underway.

As Mayor of Los Angeles

As mayor of Los Angeles, I am committed to bringing my passion and determination to bring greater economic investment, more job opportunities, quality housing for people of all income levels, and a commitment to sustainable growth to our city. I believe in the potential of Los Angeles and I know that I have qualifications, tenacity, and strength to continue to move our city forward.

The next regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on Monday, June 18, 2012 at Galpin Ford.

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.