

# Valley VOTE

## Valley Voters Organized Toward Empowerment

### March 17, 2014 Meeting Announcement

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

6:30 – 7:00 pm    Networking & Refreshments  
7:00 – 7:10 pm    Self-Introductions  
7:10 – 7:30 pm    Reports by Valley VOTE Committees:  
                    Vic Viereck            Tax & Real Estate  
                    Bart Reed                Transit  
                    Denny Schneider    Airport Issues  
                    Joe Vitti                      DWP/Energy

### Guest Speakers

#### 7:30 – 8:15 pm: Councilwoman Nury Martinez

San Fernando Valley Councilwoman Nury Martinez is the second Latina in 25 years to be elected to the Los Angeles City Council. A former member of the LA Unified School Board In office for the past nine months, Martinez is attempting to revitalize the Van Nuys Corridor and the old Montgomery Ward site in Panorama City. She will discuss her plans to beautify the Sixth District, eliminate street prostitution and revitalize the Valley's industrial base.



### **8:15 – 8:45 pm: Cary Brazeman**

As a neighborhood council board member and community activist, Brazeman champions improved delivery of core city services. In 2012 he helped bring attention to L.A. Fire Department response times, including the fact that first responders met national standards only 59.6% of the time. Since his report was published, the *Los Angeles Times* further investigated the issue to reveal serious problems with the city's 911 dispatch system.



Brazeman is at the forefront of advocating for the city to fix tree-damaged sidewalks, which have been neglected for a generation, negatively affecting pedestrians and residential and commercial property owners.

### **Sound Off!**

Valley Vote's executive committee is considering adding a public comment period to its monthly meeting. Coming toward the end of the meeting, Sound Off! will give members and guests an opportunity to briefly voice their opinions and concerns in brief two-minute presentations. Members attending our March meeting will have the opportunity to discuss this change in our meeting format.