

Valley VOTE

Meeting Date: Monday, March 16, 2015

Time: 6:30pm - 8:40pm

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.

Please do not park in the customer service areas

6:30pm Networking

6:50pm Introductions - Flag Salute

7:00pm Valley VOTE Committees-

5 minutes per Speaker- limited questions.

Membership Joe Vitti

Business Tax Vic Viereck

Transportation Bart Reed

Sunshine Canyon Ralph Kroy

LAX status Denny Schneider

7:40 pm

Richard Katz

Richard Katz was elected to the California State Assembly in 1980, serving continuously for 16 years. As Democratic Leader in 1995, Katz led the Party to majority status by winning 43 seats in the 1996 elections. California's term limits law prohibited Katz from seeking re-election. For 10 years, Richard Katz served as Chair of the powerful Assembly Transportation Committee authoring Proposition 111, a 10 year Transportation Blueprint which raised more money for mass transit and highways than any other effort in California history. He created the Congestion Management Plan, requiring cities and counties to measure and mitigate impacts of land use decisions on their streets, highways and transit systems.

In June of 2005, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Katz to serve with him on the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The Mayor later appointed Katz to the Metrolink Board, where he continues to serve, after the horrendous Chatsworth accident, "to make sure this never happens again."

Richard Katz is the owner of a successful public policy/ government relations firm, Richard Katz Consulting (RKC), Inc. He serves on the Management Committee and Board of the Valley Economic Alliance and the Boards of Heal the Bay and Valley Presbyterian Hospital.

A native of Los Angeles, Richard Katz lives in Studio City with Wendy Mitchell, their seven year-old son Mitchell Robert and their two dogs.

8:10pm

Susan Shelly

Susan Shelley is a Sunday opinion columnist for Los Angeles Daily News and the author of three books on the U.S. Constitution -- "The 37th Amendment" is a novel about doing away with "due process of law" and the fight in the future over whether to bring it back; "How the First Amendment Came to Protect Topless Dancing" is a history of the Bill of Rights up to the present day; and "Uncle Sam's Nickel" describes how a constitutional amendment for a flat tax could replace the IRS. Her books have been acquired by many university, state college and public libraries across the United States and in Canada and New Zealand.

Drawing on the research for the books, Susan wrote newspaper op-ed articles and a blog about issues related to constitutional rights. In 2012, she ran unsuccessfully for Congress, but won the endorsement of the Los Angeles Daily News and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

Susan ran for the California Assembly in a 2013 special election and came within 329 votes of victory. She ran for the seat a second time in 2014 and while she did not win, won the respect of supporters and opponents for her comprehensive grasp of the issues.

Susan graduated magna cum laude from California State University Northridge with a degree in History. She began her career in the television industry with Merv Griffin Enterprises, where she was the Associate Producer of the television show, "Jeopardy!" before going on to be a full-time writer.

8:40pm - Public comment -(2 minutes each speaker-no debates)
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***The press and public are invited to attend the meeting.
The next meeting of Valley VOTE will be on April 20,2015 at Galpin.***

Valley VOTE Mission Statement

Valley VOTE is a diverse coalition of San Fernando Valley residents, business people, educators, community activists, and organizations, 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.

We meet monthly to address key policy issues and hear reports from our standing committee chairs. For additional information about Valley VOTE, for an upcoming meeting agenda, or for previous meeting reports and press releases, we encourage you to go to the Valley VOTE website:www.ValleyVote.org