

# Valley VOTE

## AGENDA

Meeting Date: Monday, February 20, 2017

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30 pm

Place: Galpin Ford - 2nd floor meeting room

15555 Roscoe Blvd (at the 405)

Free parking in the Galpin Lot on the West side of Orion.

Please do not park in the customer parking areas.

6:30pm           Networking

6:50pm           Introductions - Flag Salute

7:10pm           Valley VOTE Committees - 5 minutes each, limited questions

    Vic Viereck           Housing

    Ralph Kroy           Sunshine Canyon

    Ernie Hilger         Veterans

    Denny Schneider    LAX

## 7:30pm         **LAPD - Deputy Chief of the Valley Bureau - Robert Green**

**Deputy Chief Bob Green** was born in Los Angeles, California in 1959. He was educated locally and attended California State University at Long Beach, and Loyola Marymount University. He holds an Associate Arts Degree in administration of Justice and a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management. Chief Green began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department as an Explorer at the Venice Area in 1975. He became a Police Student Worker in 1978 and entered the Police Academy in February, 1980. He has worked various patrol and Watch Commander assignments at 77th Street, Hollywood and Rampart Areas. Chief Green has a wide-ranging background in special operations: including assignments in Narcotics, SWAT, Canine Unit, Underwater Dive Unit, Bomb Squad, and as a pilot at Air Support Division. In May 2007, Chief Green was promoted and assigned as the Commanding Officer of 77th Street Area. While at 77th Street, he became involved in the Gang Intervention and Relationship-Based policing. Chief Green was promoted to Commander in 2010 and then to Deputy Chief in 2012, where he remained as the Operations-South Bureau Commanding Officer. In January 2015, Chief Green was assigned as the Commanding Officer, Operations-Valley Bureau, overseeing the largest bureau in the City, comprised of seven geographic Areas, Valley Traffic Division, and several specialized units. Chief Green and his wife Jean are the parents of six children.

We are very pleased that Chief Green took time out of his very busy schedule to be with us this evening.

## 8:00pm         **Issam Najm, President of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council**

*Issam Najm is President of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) and a 22-year resident of the San Fernando Valley. He moved to Chatsworth in 1995, and then to Porter Ranch in 2004 where he currently lives with his family. He is an Environmental Engineer with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, and a Master's and PhD degrees in Environmental Engineering. In his daytime hours, he owns a small Environmental Engineering consulting business located in Canoga Park. His business focuses on advising municipal agencies on drinking water quality matters. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UCLA where he has been teaching part-time for the last 15 years.*

*When the Aliso Canyon gas well blew in October 2015, Dr. Najm was selected to serve on the Porter Ranch Community Advisory Committee (PRCAC) formed by Councilman Englander's office to serve as a*

*forum for information exchange between the public, the gas company, regulatory agencies, and elected officials. After the PRCAC was abruptly dissolved, he ran for the PRNC and was elected as one of five new members on the 11-member Board. He was then voted by the Board members to serve as the Board President. Dr. Najm has worked with the PRNC Board members to navigate the challenges facing the community as a result of the well blowout and its aftermath. After carefully evaluating the available information, the PRNC submitted a position letter to Governor Brown making the case for why the Aliso Canyon facility needs to be retired. Since then, he has represented the PRNC and the community in various public and legislative hearings where he has advocated for the need to close the facility, and proposed a road-map to responsibly meet that goal.*

*We would like to thank Issam for accepting our invitation to present the arguments to shut down the Aliso Canyon facility.*

## **8:30 pm Adjourn**

### **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 our web site - **Valleyvote.org**.*

***We are a 501c4 non profit with no paid staff. We appreciate the dues payments from our members to help meet our goals.*** The press and public are invited to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be **Monday evening March 20th at Galpin Ford.**