

# Valley VOTE

## AGENDA

Meeting Date: Monday, June 19, 2017

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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
David DeVoss	Vertical Urbanism
Ernie Hilger	Veterans
Denny Schneider	LAX

### **7:30pm - L.A. City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield - 3rd District**

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield was elected to the Los Angeles City Council in March, 2013, representing the 3rd Council District. Prior to his election to the City Council, Bob served in the California State Assembly from 2008 – 2013 working for all of the San Fernando Valley communities he continues to represent. Capitol Weekly called Bob "a shining light" with a "reassuring amount of perspective that is uncommon among so many politicians." He was extraordinarily prolific and effective in the Assembly, having had over 50 bills signed into law. He is considered an environmental and consumer champion and has won numerous accolades and was named "Legislator of the Year" from a diversity of groups. From 1989 – 1996, he worked in Washington, DC as a staff person to Senator Bill Bradley, Congressman Howard Berman and as staff designee to the House Budget Committee. Bob is a graduate of Duke University and the UCLA Anderson School of Management Business Executive Program. He lives in Woodland Hills with his wife, Kafi, and their two children. We are pleased to have Bob take time out of his busy schedule to be with us this evening.

### **8:00 PM - Scott Schmerelson**

Scott began his career as a high school Spanish teacher in Philadelphia and joined the LAUSD family five years later. His service with LAUSD began with a 12-year stay at Virgil Middle School as a teacher, school counselor and Assistant Principal. He later became an Assistant Principal at Griffith Middle School in East Los Angeles for 5 years and the Principal at Lawrence Middle School in Chatsworth for 5 years. Scott retired as Principal of Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Middle School, in South Los Angeles, after 10 years of service that included significantly improving test scores, a deteriorated physical plant, and student, teacher and parent morale.

Scott has been the treasurer of the Middle Schools Principals' Association and is currently the treasurer of the Cuban-American Teachers' Association. He is a member

of the Association of California School Administrators and served a two year term as President of Region 16. He is currently the Executive Director of Region 16 which encompasses the entire Los Angeles Unified School District. We would like to thank Scott for accepting our invitation to join us today.

**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](http://Valleyvote.org). **Mail your dues to Valley VOTE-14622 Ventura Blvd. # 424 ,Sherman Oaks, CA. 91403 - Thank you.***

**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 July 17, at Galpin Ford**