

The Valley View

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Legislative Highlights

Valley Census Designation

Last week, the Census Bureau agreed to recognize the San Fernando Valley as a separate geographic region beginning next year. This designation, which was championed by Wendy and the Los Angeles City Council, will provide invaluable demographic information about the Valley enabling it to receive its fair share of services and resources.

DOT Communications Plan

Wendy recently introduced a motion directing the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop a communications plan that will enable the department to provide real-time information to commuters about unexpected road closures, special events, and other minor emergencies that create major traffic congestion.

As a result, DOT will explore ways to provide real-time information to commuters through the media and through the use of enhanced

Clean Money

The Los Angeles City Council recently voted to move forward with a study on the feasibility and potential costs of implementing full-public financing of political campaigns for all elected officials in the City of Los Angeles. The reform was proposed by Councilmembers Eric Garcetti, Bill Rosendahl and myself.

Full-public financing, also known as "clean money," has been credited with dramatically improving the level of civic discourse and decision-making, and leveling the political playing field in jurisdictions that have adopted the system.

We need campaign finance reform to restore integrity and honesty into our election process and governance system. Our city deserves a government that is open, ethical and truly independent from the influence of special interests. By taking money out of elections, candidates will be forced to go directly to the people. That is how democracy is supposed to work.

Full-public financing of campaigns would provide a set amount of public funds to qualified candidates to run for office. Candidates who opt in to the system and qualify, would agree to limit their spending and reject contributions from private sources. They would receive a public grant for both the primary and general elections if they successfully raise a required number of five-dollar contributions and signatures of support from residents within the district they hope to represent. Candidates remain free to reject public funds, and may run as "non-participating" candidates who commit to the more traditional approach of raising only private sources of funds to run for office.

This is a voluntary system of public finance, providing not an overhaul - but an alternative - to the more traditional system of campaigns funded by wealthy individuals and large private interests. The city's Chief Legislative Analyst will consult with the City Clerk, City Administrative Officer, the Mayor's Office, and the California Clean Money Campaign and report their findings to the City Council in 90

technologies including e-mail alerts and text messages. DOT will also look at ways to enable commuters to share valuable information with the department.

Upcoming Events:

City Hall Holiday Tree Lighting

December 1st
5:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Rotunda

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

December 1, 2005 -
January 16, 2006
532 S. Olive Street
For more information,
please call 1-888-LA
PARKS or visit
www.laparks.org

Studio City Holiday Parade

December 3rd
6:30 p.m.
Ventura Boulevard
between Whitsett & Laurel
Canyon

Wendy Greuel Toy Drive

December 17th
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Valley Plaza

For your information . . .

The Bureau of Sanitation holiday schedule for refuse collection is as follows:

Christmas: There will be no trash pick-up on Christmas Day, December 26, 2005. Service will resume on Tuesday, December 27 through Saturday, December 31, 2005.

days.

Holiday Safety Tips

As the holiday season approaches we want to do everything we can to ensure that our families are safe and that our property is protected from those who take advantage of the good cheer and spirit of the holidays. The Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill Division has asked me to share with you a few simple tips to protect your homes, property, and families from harm during the holidays.

- Lock all doors and windows when you leave your home. Leave lights on in the evening and use a timer to alternate your lighting.
- Do not carry personal items in your wallet or purse. Lock all personal information including Social Security cards, checks, passports, birth certificates and government documents in a locked fireproof container.
- Do not leave anything of value unsecured in the yard or on the porch.
- Use ATMs during daylight, or use an ATM in any LAPD police station.
- Keep items such as iPods and MP3 Players in your pocket, out of sight.
- Park and lock your car in a well-lit area.
- Never leave anything of value visible in the passenger compartment of your vehicle.
- Women should be careful not to leave anything in a vehicle that indicates that a woman drives the car.
- Complete all of your shopping prior to returning to your vehicle with packages. Allow the store/mall to hold packages until you are ready to leave. Ask a salesperson to help you carry packages if your hands are full.
- Lock all packages in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Close your drapes/blinds so that no one can see the gifts under your tree.

I encourage everyone to follow these simple steps to help

pick-up on Monday, January 2, 2006.
Service will resume on Tuesday,
January 3 through Saturday, January
7, 2006.

ensure a safe and joyful holiday season.

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