



In 2009, Councilman Zine introduced 100 motions to the City Council and was selected to serve as the Assistant President Pro Tempore to complete the leadership team. As Chairman of the Los Angeles City Council's Personnel Committee, he is intimately involved in every aspect of employment policy within the City family. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Education & Neighborhoods Committee, and is a Member of the Public Safety Committee, the Planning & Land Use Management Committee, and the Executive Employee Relations Committee where he serves alongside the Mayor.

To kick off the new year, in January 2009, Councilman Zine helped celebrate the opening of the new Topanga Area Police Station in Canoga Park. This new station services 80% of the Third Council District and Councilman Zine could not be happier to have this new station protecting and serving the community.

In 2009, Councilman Zine held two new P.O.S.S.E. member training seminars, one in mid-February and one in late September. Councilman Zine's P.O.S.S.E. successfully recruited 50 new members which brings the count to 475 active P.O.S.S.E. members within Council District Three!

On January 18th, Councilman Zine attended the Dedication Ceremony of the new building of the West Valley Christian Church in West Hills with Pastor Bob Denton and Senior Minister Glenn Kirby.

The Office of Councilman Zine was on hand as Enadaya Way Elementary School re-opened its doors on March 25th of this year. They will now serve the West Hills area and neighboring communities, thereby relieving schools such as Canoga Park Elementary School.

In the spring of 2009, Councilman Zine recognized this year's law enforcement personnel honorees of the 7th Annual 2 Awards for Excellence. This annual luncheon hosted over 500 guests to simply say "thank you" to the men and women in law enforcement who keep us safe on a daily basis.

Councilman Zine proudly worked to reinstate the Los Angeles Animal Services Department's Spay and Neuter Voucher Program this past spring. The former General Manager of the Department had unilaterally decided to suspend the program without consulting the Spay-Neuter Advisory Committee, at the City Council. Councilman Zine called the decision "an error in fiscal and moral judgment." The City Council ultimately directed the Department to reinstate the program.

In May, Councilman Zine participated in the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce's annual Memorial Day Parade. This parade drew a crowd of over 50,000 spectators to help honor and celebrate of the men and women who are currently or have served our country.

Councilman Zine won the passage of a City ordinance that enhances the City's options for abating graffiti vandals. The measure holds adult offenders and parents of juveniles financially responsible for the destruction they cause. Each year, the City of Los Angeles spends more than \$7 million cleaning up more than 31 million square feet of graffiti at more than 650,000 locations. The approved ordinance allows the City to seek criminal restitution from offenders, hold them civilly liable, and collect the expense of abatement.

On June 7th, Councilman Zine attended the 40th Anniversary of Father McNamara's ordination at Saint Bernardine of Siena Catholic Church in Woodland Hills.

The very successful Metro Orange Line dedicated bus to the broke ground in 2009 on a north/south extension adjacent to Canoga Ave. Scheduled to open in the summer of 2012, this four mile extension will have new stops at Sherman Way, Roscoe, Nordhoff, and the Chatsworth Metrolink Station.

This year the residents of Winifred displayed their community pride and volunteered their time by beautifying their community through the Winifred Neighborhood Pride Day. Councilman Zine joined over 300 volunteers and helped four homes in the way of a new coat of paint, tree trimming, and flower planting. The event was hosted by CRA/LA and Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine officially began his third term on July 1st after being sworn-in for the final time as the representative for the Third Council District. On July 17th, Council President Garcetti announced the selection of Councilman Zine as Assistant President Pro Tempore to complete the Council leadership team.

On July 4th, Councilman Zine hosted another fantastic "Dennis P. Zine 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza" in Warner Center Park. This year's show entertained at least 50,000 people and brought a great sense of patriotism to the onlookers.

In the middle of July, during a heat wave, Councilman Zine, staff, and P.O.S.S.E. members conducted a community cleanup. The members worked diligently on weed abatement and trash

pick up with the additional assistance from West Valley Alliance and Clean and Green. It was a great day that brought community members together.

At the end of summer, Councilman Zine took part in the Los Angeles Police Department's National Night Out, an event that helps educate and bring awareness to the local community on how to stay safe.

Pamelo Drive Elementary School was one of hundreds of applicants citywide that submitted an application for a beautification grant. Their project was selected, and thanks to city and local community/business funds, the school made their grounds much more accessible to the disabled. They also included the relocation of a butterfly garden and memorial.

The Councilman attended Yom Kippur services at several temples throughout the Valley: Shomrei Torah, West Hills; Temple Aiyah, Woodland Hills; Sepharic Cohen Synagogue, Tarzana; Temple Judea, Tarzana; Chabad of the Valley, and Congregation Bet David, Tarzana.

On October 11th, Councilman Zine was honored at the Valley Women's Center's annual Vanity Fair Fashion Show. He became the first male honoree for this organization thanks to his dedication and support of the Valley Women's Center's mission and goals, and the larger San Fernando Valley community.

In mid-October, Councilman Zine took part in the Grateful Hearts Food Fair & Fundraiser. This annual fair raises funds for the Los Angeles Fire Department's Battalion 17 and the new Los Angeles Police Department's Topanga Area Station.

Councilman Zine led the charge to investigate the \$6,200-per-week consulting contract awarded by Department of Water and Power officials to former General Manager David Noah. The Council has had various committee meetings on the subject, and the core of the issue is that General Managers do have the authority to grant contracts under \$150,000 without Council review. One proposal that is still being researched by the City Attorney would be to require these contracts to be based on billable hours instead of a flat rate.

Thanks to the hard work of the Los Angeles Police Department's Topanga Station Narcotics Unit, 2009 marked the end of a long fight against nuisance activities associated with two medical marijuana dispensaries in Woodland Hills located at 21146 Ventura Blvd. and 5338 Arroyo Dr. Due to these establishments' closure, the LAPD has been able to focus more of its time on other quality of life issues in the community and continue working towards increasing public safety.

A Councilman Zine-backed State paparazzi bill was enacted into law this year. AB 524, an important bill aimed at curbing the behavior of aggressive paparazzi, passed both houses of the legislature in September and was signed by the Governor. Councilman Zine was a strong proponent of the measure and sponsored a City Council resolution in support of the legislation. The bill establishes civil penalties for violations of privacy caused by the paparazzi. Specifically, the law will now state that a person who captures, "in a manner that is offensive to a reasonable person, or knowingly trespasses or commits assault with the intent to capture, as specified, any type of visual image, sound recording, or other physical impression of the plaintiff engaging in a personal or familial activity under circumstances in which the plaintiff had a reasonable expectation of privacy...or who attracts, solicits, actually induces, or actually causes another person to violate any of those provisions would be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$50,000." Last year, Councilman Zine established the Los Angeles Regional Paparazzi Task Force, composed of representatives from the cities of Los Angeles, Malibu, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Calabasas, plus County officials.

During the early evening of October 16th, Councilman Zine responded to a major fire at the Assytin Church of the East in Tarzana. The fire destroyed the entire Church. During this very trying time, Councilman Zine has spearheaded a task force with the Planning Department and the Department of Building and Safety to assist Father George in the rebuilding process for the reconstruction of the church.

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On October 24th, Councilman Zine participated in the ribbon-cutting of the LAPD's new state-of-the-art headquarters in downtown Los Angeles, directly across the street from City Hall. The new facility replaces the outdated Parker Center, which was dedicated in 1955. The new headquarters, beautifully designed by architects Paul Danna and Jose Palacios, is 10 stories tall and approximately 500,000 square feet. It is also a LEED Gold certified green building, which is one of the highest levels of recognition for environmentally sustainable and responsible architecture.

Built in 1930, the Reseda Pool has provided summer fun for generations. However, the pool was identified as a high priority concern in a 2006 Pool Assessment Report. In 2008, the piping system failed and it was determined that the degree of deterioration made it necessary to replace the pool rather than repair or renovate the facility. This presented a great opportunity to enhance the location. Enlarging the tank would allow an expansion of aquatic programs available to the community, and updating the equipment would provide the capability of year round operations instead of only seasonal use. A cost estimate of \$ 4.7 million was made to achieve these modifications. In 2009, despite the challenging economic times, full funding was identified from state and recreational and development sources (Quimby, AB1290, Prop K, Rec. and Parks Dept). In November, the project continued to move full steam ahead with the selection of an architect to present a formal design. The Design Development Completion is anticipated in April 2010.

Councilman Zine organized community leaders of Woodland Hills in 2009 to re-energize their efforts to improve Ventura Blvd. in Woodland Hills by starting with a very popular section of the Boulevard between De Soto Ave. and Canoga Ave. The Woodland Hills Community Coalition chose to focus on 3 signature projects for 2010 which include planting trees, cleaning sidewalks, and adding street furniture. Past projects completed by various groups include sidewalk litter removal, weed abatement, and the multi-sign meditation installation of along Ventura Boulevard.

November 8th was celebrated by Councilman Zine attending the 38th Anniversary of the San Fernando Valley CROP Hunger Walk which was hosted by St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Torrance. The CROP Walk is oil about neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in the world. With the support of the community, they raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting.

During the fall, community members rolled up their sleeves and got to work. The Office of Councilman Dennis P. Zine teamed up with Revitalize Reseda, Neighborhood Councils, LAPD, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Reseda Magnolia Science (Cont.)

Academy, Valley Vineyard Church, and many other volunteers who helped remove weeds, sweep streets, and clean graffiti in an effort to improve the quality of life in the Third Council District.

The long anticipated renewal of the Reseda Theater is being pushed back after the CRA/LA issued a letter to CIM Group terminating the 2006 agreement known as a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) effective December 5, 2009. The agreement called for the rehabilitation of the Reseda Theater into a first-class entertainment venue. The project had been delayed and an operator for the Theater was never secured by CIM Group. Councilman Dennis P. Zine will be working closely with the CRA/LA and the community to re-evaluate potential uses for the Theater.

On December 6th, the Councilman attended the ground breaking ceremony of the new Synagogue and School at Temple Judea's Torrance Campus.

Councilman Zine joined in a unanimous vote of the City Council to confirm the Mayor's nomination of Charlie Beck as Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. Chief Beck brings 32 years of experience with the LAPD to his new role as the head of the department. Chief Beck's term will last 5 years and may be renewed once for a total of 10 years.

On December 18th, the Councilman partnered with Walmart to secure a \$5,000 donation to families in need that live within the West Valley Area Police Station's region. These funds will help make this holiday season a little brighter for those families.

Councilman Zine has been a leader in the City Council's efforts to maintain the size of the LAPD at 9,963 officers but not over-hire in the face of difficult budget times for the Department. The City Council directed the LAPD this month to move forward with a small January class in the Police Academy. Classes had been deferred for the months of November and December. The recent decision to move forward with a small class of 32 recruits in January will help LAPD maintain momentum in recruiting while also being cautious not to over-hire. The Public Safety and Personnel Committees, under the leadership of Councilman Greg Smith and Dennis Zine, have been reviewing LAPD personnel numbers through joint Committee meetings and will continue to do so monthly.

Councilman Zine continues to combat nuisance unlicensed and advertising trailers on multiple fronts. Last fall, he introduced a motion calling on the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to ban mobile billboards in the City of Los Angeles. These large billboards are attached to trucks or trailers then parked on City streets for days on end. In a separate motion, the Councilman proposed increasing the existing fines for violating the unlicensed trailer ordinance where there are posted signs. The current fines are not enough of a deterrent for some extremely motivated advertisers. Both motions are pending a hearing by the Transportation Committee, which will likely take up

the matter in early 2010.

As acting chair of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee, Councilman Zine closely monitored the spending of taxpayer funds by Neighborhood Councils. The Committee has been receiving regular updates on the status of a revised inventory program that documents where NCS are spending their money and to make sure that equipment that is purchased is not lost or stolen. The Committee will likely consider an upcoming City Controller audit of Neighborhood Council spending in January of February.

Councilman Zine championed two proposals to reform the City's business tax. One calls for targeted enterprise zones with relaxed tax provisions and would also commission a survey of surrounding cities' business tax policies. The second motion focuses on expanding the current 2-year tax exemption for new businesses with gross receipts of less than \$500,000. These important tax reforms aim to make Los Angeles a more desirable place for businesses to thrive, create jobs, and stimulate the local economy. The Jobs, Business Growth, and Tax Reform Committee heard these and other important motions this past summer and convened a special tax policy commission that will be charged with reviewing these proposals and reporting back to the City Council.

With the support of the Canoga Park Business Improvement District and the Office of Congressman Brad Sherman, the USPS Challenge Station Post Office was saved from being closed. Not only does it remain open, but it receives significant funds for its restoration. Representatives from Council District 3 celebrated its completion by unveiling a plaque at the site, telling the community and visitors of its historical importance and the landmark's significance to Canoga Park and the San Fernando Valley.

In a year of financial hardship, Councilman Dennis P. Zine teamed up with Revitalize Reseda in a food bank drive aimed at helping low-income families during the holiday season. The Councilman's contribution helped buy 100 turkeys and 2,000 lbs. of canned and other non-perishable food were collected.

The effort to regulate medical marijuana collectives in Los Angeles has reached the final phase of adopting a permanent ordinance. The Council dedicated numerous days and extensive hours to work out the details of land use regulations and operational guidelines to implement the Compassionate Use Act approved by state voters. The most dramatic impact once an ordinance is in place will be the immediate requirement that the hundreds of locations which opened in violation of the moratorium be ordered to close, under the enforcement authority of the Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the City Attorney. The issue is set for consideration again on January 13, 2010 as the final decisions will be made for establishing a delicate balance between providing safe access for qualified patients, reducing potential negative impacts on surrounding communities, and

preventing criminal distribution.

In mid-December, Councilman Zine partnered up with the Los Angeles Police Departments, West Valley Gang Impact Team and the Los Angeles County Probation department to enforce probation compliance checks. There were two teams made up of police officers, detectives, representatives from the probation department and the media. Between the two teams ten locations were visited which led to one arrest and the confiscation of illegal firearms. Councilman Zine and the Los Angeles Police Department are planning another probation compliance check in early 2010.

From January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 Councilman Zine generously donated a total of 192 buses of a cost of \$99,976.95 to organizations and schools within the Third Council District. Councilman Zine is happy that he was able to assist the senior groups, charities, and school children with their educational outings this past year.

Throughout 2009, Councilman Zine hosted three E-Waste collection events at our District Office in Reseda. This gave our constituents a place to come and properly recycle old, used electronic items. These efforts were sponsored by both 1-800-Go-Junk and the Department of Sanitation. We plan on hosting another event in March 2010, details will come shortly. If you have any questions or concerns on what to recycle, please visit [www.lacounty.org](http://www.lacounty.org).

### Over the past year, Councilman Zine has also served in the following positions:

- Past President:** Jewish Home for the Aging (JHA), The Executives Independent Cities Association
- Independent Cities Association**
- LAPD Reserve Officer, Fugitive Warrant Detail**
- Chairman:** Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC)
- Secretary:** West Valley Family YMCA, Board of Directors
- Executive Board:** U.S. Army Southern CA Community Advisory Board
- Member:** National League of Cities Advisory Council
- Member:** Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Energy & Environment Committee; Reseda and Council
- Honorary Member:** Valley Village Foundation
- Member:** LAPD West Valley Jeopardy Foundation
- Honorary Member:** West Valley PALS
- Honorary Member:** Woodland Hills Rotary