

**DENNIS P. ZINE
COUNCILMAN, THIRD DISTRICT**

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ZINE & 450 FRIENDS HONOR CITY/STATE WORKERS AT 3rd ANNUAL Z-AWARDS Valley Businesses & Residents Applaud Seven Honorees

On April 20, 2005, I hosted the 3rd annual Z-Awards luncheon at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

Every year I look forward to this very important event which honors seven individuals who have selflessly dedicated their lives to providing a safe environment for citizens of the 3rd District and beyond.

A few years ago, I decided to create the Z-awards in order to give the community an opportunity to thank these individuals who work to improve our quality of life day-in, and day-out. From responding to emergencies, to spending time in court, their jobs

can often be unglamorous. Therefore it is important to plan this one special day for their star to shine and be recognized.

While this luncheon lasts for just a few short hours, the rigorous selection of honorees is a year-long process. The nominating committee begins the process by soliciting the submission of applications. An individual can not nominate themselves, they must be nominated by their supervisor for outstanding commitment to their work as well as to the community. Upon receiving the nominations, a committee of community members works diligently to review each applicants credentials.

The Z-Award is a personal honor, not just from me as a city councilman, but from the entire community who choose seven indi-

viduals from personal knowledge of their accomplishments. This event provides us a unique opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation and support for the dedication and commitment that these hard-working individuals provide to the residents of the Third Council District.

This years celebrated honorees were: James Callison (LAFD Firefighter-Paramedic); Don Cocek (Deputy City Attorney); Officer Gregory Fuqua (LAPD/Valley Traffic Division); Investigator Peter Kurt (Street Services Enforcement); Officer Norm Peters (LAPD); Russell Rawls (LAFD Firefighter); Officer Leland Tang (California Highway Patrol). Members of their respective departments also joined each honoree in accepting their Z-Award.

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MISSION STATEMENT!

"As your Public Servant, my Staff and I Pledge to..."

1. **Improve The Quality of Life in our District.**
2. **Maintain Public Safety.**
3. **Follow up Your Concerns in a Timely Manner.**
4. **Keep You Informed of Issues in the District.**
5. **Attend Your Meetings and Events.**
6. **Have the Communities Priorities Come First.**

**DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilman, Third District**





Tom Henry, Chief Planning Deputy

Zine to Have Less Parking for Banks and more Parking for Public

Under current city code, banks are required to provide double - to almost quadruple - the amount of parking spaces in commercial areas than other retail uses. Fifteen years ago this was a must, since everyone had to visit a bank for almost all financial needs. However, with the advent of Direct Deposit, Automated Teller Machines (ATM) and their spread to convenient locations throughout the city, (including City Hall and all police stations) the need to have to actually visit a bank has lessened. More notably has been the recent improvement on the internet which allows almost all banking transactions to take place

at your office or home. All of these elements combined have lessened the demand for parking in areas surrounding bank properties.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine called for the Departments of Transportation and Planning to look into the feasibility of reducing parking requirements for banks. If it is shown there is a significant reduction of parking demand for banks, the required parking can be reduced. This would lead to a number of public benefits. For instance, existing unused space in bank parking lots could be used to provide more ATM's or drive-through teller facilities. More

importantly, excess parking spaces could be leased to other retail areas for extra parking, or sold to the city for public parking. This will be particularly valuable in popular retail areas that experience parking shortages.

It is anticipated that DOT will complete their study and present their findings to the City Council by mid-summer. Councilman Zine feels that this could be a great win-win for both banks who will not have to spend extra money constructing unneeded parking, and communities and other retailers that could use the extra parking.



Marianne King, Associate Planning Deputy

I WILL MISS YOU ALL

I have accepted a new position as Assistant Planner with the City of Los Angeles Planning Department starting May 16th.

My experience as Associate Planning Deputy for Council District 3 has been extremely enriching and rewarding. I have learned a great deal as to what it takes to be an effective Planning Deputy. The most important is to be a good listener, understand all viewpoints and concerns on a given project, conducting independent research and making field site visits to make sure nothing is overlooked. Ultimately, striving to ensure that a project fits in well with the community, the neighborhood, and mitigating potential adverse impacts are, perhaps, the most

important responsibilities of a Planning Deputy. These qualities are also what Councilman Zine expects of his Planning Deputies.

My heart is heavy because there are many of you whom I have developed good, positive working relationships with. Whether it was constituents, neighborhood council members, applicants or their representatives, I will miss the day-to-day interaction I had with all of you. At the same time, I am very excited about the challenges that await me in my new position. I plan to funnel all my energy and skills to provide the best assistance I can as a Planner for the City of Los Angeles. In the big picture, I remain committed to this great city and every community within it.

I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere gratitude to Councilman Zine for letting me be as candid with him as he has been with me, but also because I have seen firsthand what a strong advocate and leader he is for his district and the city. I am especially thankful to Tom Henry, our Chief Planning Deputy, for having such faith and trust in me to take on the numerous planning cases and issues that I did. Lastly, I will miss the entire Z-Team who work so hard everyday, and who became my second family in many ways.

EDITORS NOTE: A farewell party was held for Marianne and a Resolution signed by all Council, the Mayor and City Controller was presented. We all wished her well.



**BY MARISOL ESPINOZA, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
CANOGA PARK, RESEDA & WINNETKA**

First-Time Homebuyers Program Makes Dreams A Reality



Home ownership is a dream that many wish to attain during their lifetimes. Unfortunately, due to the high demand and rising costs of housing in Los Angeles, it is becoming increasingly more difficult for working families and individuals to realize this goal of becoming a homeowner. According to statistics, the median price of a home in Southern California is currently \$439,000. It is great to know, however, that there are resources out there available to aid families in making the goal of home ownership an absolute possibility. Increased home ownership brings a sense of pride to local

neighborhoods, as well as provides a financial investment in the local communities we reside in.

The First-Time Homebuyers' Program in Council District 3, offers low and moderate income households means to purchase a home or condominium in the Reseda, Canoga Park and Winnetka communities. The Program is administered by Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services, in partnership with the Community Redevelopment Agency. The program aims to educate individuals on the step by step process of purchasing a home or condo, and to guide these individuals through this sometimes complicated process.

The Community Redevelopment Agency assists by providing a Silent Second Trust Deed Loan of up to \$175,000 to those who qualify for this program. This subsidy makes it more affordable and feasible to take the steps towards purchasing a home. Candidates are not re-

quired to pay back the loan until the property is sold, refinanced, or inherited. The maximum price of the home available through the program is \$375,000.

The First-Time Homebuyers Program involves ongoing workshops and information sessions, which are being held at the Canoga Park Community Center. For further information, please contact Neighborhood Housing Services at 818-834-7858.





**BY NICOLE MOYE, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
TARZANA & WEST HILLS**

FITNESS AND FUN FOR EVERYONE

On April 30, 2005, I represented Councilman Dennis P. Zine at Assemblyman Lloyd Levine's 2005 Kids Fitness Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge was to address the growing epidemic of childhood obesity in our country, which is quickly becoming a national health crisis. West Valley children and adolescents are not immune. In fact, a recent study found that area fifth, seventh & ninth graders



Assemblyman Lloyd Levine announcing the start of the race.

have an obesity rate that is twice the national average.

The Fitness Challenge included a 5k course that school-aged kids had the option of walking, running, skating, or bike riding on. Parents and school personnel were also invited to take part in the activities and learn about legislative efforts to help combat childhood obesity.

Actor James Cromwell was there to help kick off the activities by cycling the 5K course. Another notable to mention was U.S. Olympian, Ryan Benson, winner of NBC's reality program "The Biggest Loser" who also ran the 5 mile course.

Admission was free for all of those who wished to participate in the Challenge. Grants were also awarded to the schools with the most participants who funded their efforts to improve the health of their students.



Kids warming up to begin the race.

Thanks to the corporate support of Kaiser Permanente, Wells Fargo Bank, and Westfield Shoppingtown. The Kids Fitness Challenge held a day of fun filled events in Woodland Hills. Schools with at least 50 participants raised money for physical activity programs at their school. The elementary and middle

school with the most participants received a grand prize including a gift certificate from Chick's Sporting Goods.

The elementary and middle schools who placed first, and the school with the largest percentage of participants also received Certificates of Achievement from the Office of Councilman Dennis P. Zine.

If you have never been part of a Fitness Challenge, next year you are invited to take the opportunity and play an active role in helping your family stay fit and encouraging healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

If you would like be sponsor or donate to the foundation to help schools, you may visit .

<http://www.fitnesschallengeinfo.com/conference.html>.



The start of the bicycle race.



**BY NICOLE MOYE, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
TARZANA & WEST HILLS**



WELCOME THE NEW WEST VALLEY POLICE STATION

Councilman Dennis P. Zine was joined by several notable members of the city family to welcome residents of the Third District to the new LAPD West Valley Police Station. Mayor Jim Hahn, City Councilman Greig Smith, Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton, West Valley Police Captains John Sherman and Joel Justice and other city officials and community members were on hand to dedicate the brand new facility, which broke ground in October 2002.

“By opening the new West Valley station 45 years after the opening of the old West Valley station, we send a message to the millions of individuals who are served by the Los Angeles Police Department that your elected officials are committed to improving public safety facilities in the San Fernando Valley,”



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Sgt. Joe Priebe in a circa 1950's uniform.



Councilman Greig Smith, Deputy Chief Ron Bergmann, Chief William Bratton, Captain John Sherman and Councilman Dennis P. Zine at the Ribbon Cutting for the new West Valley Police station.

said Councilman Zine. “I have no doubt that the high-tech aspects of this facility will aid officers in reducing crime in communities throughout West Valley’s jurisdiction. I especially appreciate the commitment of my council colleagues, Mayor Hahn and Chief Bratton in making this project a reality.”

This is the first station completed under Proposition Q, the public safety bond measure that works to ensure that our emergency services and first responders have modern equipment and facilities that enable them to do their job efficiently and effectively.

This state-of-the-art facility will help enhance police operations in the West Valley and be a welcoming structure to the community.

The station has approximately 54,000 square feet of working space, modern, high-tech equipment and will serve 320,000 local community members within a 54 mile area.

“This is a long-overdue upgrade of an LAPD facility in the San Fernando Valley that the community and officers can be proud of,” said Councilman Greig Smith.

The new state of the art facility, that replaces the old station built in 1960, is inviting and offers conference rooms and patio areas for public use. 219 officers, 62 detectives and 61 civilians will work out of the West Valley Station. If you need to contact the station, the non-emergency number is 818-374-7617 or you may call 877-ASK-LAPD or 311.



Councilman Smith, Chief Bratton, Captain Sherman, Councilman Zine and Mayor Hahn.



BRIAN PERRY
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY

TRACEY CHAVIRA
LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY



LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: AGENDAS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS.

COMPASSIONATE USE ACT MOTION

In 1996, California passed the Compassionate Use Act, which legalized the use of marijuana for medical purposes. In essence, this statute allows persons to grow or possess marijuana based on the recommendation of a licensed physician that a person's health would benefit from the use of marijuana in the treatment of cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine or other illnesses for which marijuana provides relief. Physicians can make oral or written recommendations, and prescriptions or record-keeping is not required.

The statute does not include provisions which regulate the proper use and dispensing of medical marijuana when recommended by physicians. Lack of guidelines or rules regarding who can operate marijuana dispensaries, the permitting and inspection of such dispensaries, and methods of ensuring legal operation of such facilities has created confusion and has limited the ability of law enforcement to prosecute cannabis club operators that have been linked to criminal activity. This unintended consequence of the Compassionate Use Act both negatively impacts legally and responsibly operated medical marijuana dispensaries and neighborhoods where illegal cannabis clubs are protected.

Consequently, a growing number of cities, including San Francisco, Modesto, Ontario, Huntington Beach and West Hollywood, have implemented a temporary ban on dispensaries, clubs and cooperatives that distribute marijuana for medical purposes, until enforceable guidelines, requirements, and zoning requirements for these establishments are developed.

The City of Los Angeles should evaluate the impacts of medical marijuana cannabis clubs, dispensaries, and other establishments to its residents, neighborhoods, and legally operated businesses. Further, appropriate actions necessary to ensure that such facilities are operated in a legal manner, that City zoning appropriately addresses the unique citing considerations for such facilities, and that concerns identified through the evaluation are addressed should be recommended for City implementation.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney and other City departments as appropriate, to report to the Public Safety Committee within 60-days regarding facilities that distribute medical marijuana located within the City of Los Angeles, complaints received regarding such facilities, criminal activity concerns, and recommended actions necessary to ensure that such facilities are operated in a legal manner and that City zoning appropriately addresses the unique citing considerations for such facilities.

PRESENTED BY: DENNIS P. ZINE , Councilman, Third District

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Tarzana Property Owners Association, Inc.

May 5, 2005

Councilman Dennis P. Zine:
Room 450, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Zine:

Thank you so much for taking part in our Town Hall Meeting Tuesday night. You were good! Your answers to questions on the subject "What Is Your Vision for the Valley?" were sound and thoughtful. It was obvious that the over-300 people in the audience were very impressed with your ideas and how you expressed them.

It was a bi evening, a huge success. Thank you for playing such a large part in making it so.

Best,



Helen Itria Norman, President
Tarzana Property Owners Assn., Inc

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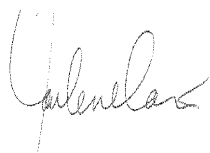
MARLENE CANTER
Member of the Board

Dear Honorable Zine:

Congratulation on your election victory on March 8th. I look forward to continuing our work together over the next four years to improve the quality of education for the students of Los Angeles, and confront the issues vital to the future of this great city.

You have my best wishers and support for your continued success in office.

Sincerely,



MARLENE CANTER

VALLEY VILLAGE

Serving citizens with developmental disabilities

Annual Luncheon *IT'S SHOWTIME*

Please Join us for an afternoon of entertainment which will feature a boutique, door prizes, live auction and an opportunity to win a Grand Prize of \$5,000 Cash.

Hosted by **BOB SAGET**, who will be assisted on stage by **Councilman DENNIS P. ZINE** on **Saturday, June 25th** at the **Warner Center Marriott**.

Valley Village is currently providing programs, services and residential housing for over 300 developmentally disabled men, women and children throughout the San Fernando Valley. Our luncheon has been the annual fund-raiser for Valley Village for more than 28 years. All proceeds from this year's event will be used to fund ongoing programs and services for our clients.

Tickets are \$65 each, advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. Doors open at 10:30 A.M., seating for lunch begins at 12:00 Noon.

For additional information, call Susan Basler at (818) 387-9450 ext. 120.

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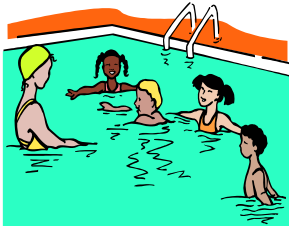
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| 2. Reseda Pool—18411 Victory Blvd., Reseda, (818) 756-9361 | 3rd District |
| 3. Woodland Hills Pool— 5858 Shoup Avenue, Woodland Hills, (818) 756-9363 | 3rd District |
| 4. Granada Hills Pool—16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, (818) 360-7107 | 12th District |
| 5. Lake Balboa Pool—6300 Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys (818) 756-9743 | 6th District |
| 6. Lanark Park Pool-currently closed, funding in place to design & rebuild, the date is TBD | 3rd District |
| 7. Northridge Pool—currently closed, funding in place to constructed a new pool, the date is TBD | 12th District |

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Member: Public Safety
Member: Rules & Elections & Intergovernmental Relations
EERC: Executive Employee Relations Committee
NLC: National League of Cities
ICA: Independent City Association - Treasurer
LAPD: Line Reserve Officer
LAUSD: Reserve Motorcycle Sergeant

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with the Evenhaim Family at the dedication of the Evenhaim Family Campus at Kadima Hebrew Academy.



L. A. City Council honors John Mack, President of the Urban League on his retirement.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with the Third Annual 2005 "Z Awards" recipients Russell Rawls, LAFD Firefighter; James Callison LAFD Firefighter/Paramedic; Don Cocek, Deputy City Attorney; Peter Kurt, Street Service Enforcement; Officer Norm Peters, LAPD; Officer Gregory Fuqua, LAPD Traffic Division; Officer Leland Tang, CHP; Councilmember Wendy Greuel and Rickey Gelb, Z-Awards Chairperson.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with members of his community POSSE who were honored for Earth Day.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors members of the Armenian Clergy in City Council Chambers.

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with the El Camino Real High School Academic Decathlon National Champions 2005.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Bob Weinberg, Principal & staff from Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies who was selected as a “Distinguished School”, nominated by the State Department of Education.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Allan Weiner, Principal and staff from Grover Cleveland High School who was selected as a “Distinguished School”, nominated by the State Department of Education.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Ellis Stanley & Chris Ispson from the Emergency Preparedness Department with a raffle winner at the EPD Fair at Westfields Promenade Mall.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Janet Dahl, Queen and members of the Red Hat Society at their luncheon.



Mary Kroninger and the Amigo Grads, a senior group from CD3 took advantage of Councilman Zine’s Charter Bus Program and took a coach bus to the Los Angeles Central Library.