

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

# THE ZINE LINE

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## Victory Gate and Trail head Opens for the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve



Over the Independence Day Weekend, I was proud to be part of the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Victory Gate into the upper Las Virgenes Canyon parkland. Joining me were other elected officials and residents that were very much apart of making this a permanent park and stopping the proposed development of a new city that was formally called Ahmanson Ranch. The opening of this gate provides access for all Valley residents and future generations to visit and enjoy the thousand of acres of open space.

Unfortunately some fights take awhile to ultimately win. Articles in both the LA Times and the Daily News recently disclosed that the Governor's Los Angeles Office was facilitating meetings to allow for an access road through the park in order to allow a proposed housing development just off the park. The following letter, makes it very clear how I feel about the proposed development.

June 30, 2005

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I was greatly alarmed to read in the newspapers that your office is conducting negotiations to allow for a road to be built through the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve for the benefit of a proposed 30 unit residential subdivision.

The people of the San Fernando Valley and surrounding communities fought a valiant battle to make this area an open space preserve. I was proud that I was able to get the Mayor of Los Angeles and the entire Los Angeles City Council to back that effort. More than \$150 million of state taxpayer money was allocated for the express purpose of keeping this land an open space preserve for generations to come.

I ask you to please keep this land as open space, and that your office please halt any further negotiations to build any roads for future subdivisions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on my position on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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





## **U.S. Remembers Victims of September 11th Terror Attacks**

Across the United States, Americans will mark the fourth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States with prayer services, moments of silence, placing of wreaths, and candlelight vigils.

Together, we honor the souls from 90 nations who perished at the Twin Towers in New York, at the Pentagon and in a Pennsylvania field. They were men and women of every continent, culture and creed -- of every region, race and religion. Our prayers are with the families and friends of the fallen.

May God Bless the many souls who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on airline flights 11, 175, 77 & 93.

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET!**





**TOM HENRY,  
CHIEF PLANNING DEPUTY**

**The Need for Housing, Balance, and Quality of Life**

There is no question that there is a dire need for affordable housing throughout Los Angeles and Southern California. With the constant rising of property values, many people are being squeezed out of the “pride of ownership” that has been part of the American Dream. People being affected include police officers, teachers, and other people with professional careers.

In order to address this need for my constituents I am proud of the affordable housing that I have brought into my district. In particular are two model projects. One is the 119 unit complex that will soon be opening at Strathern Street and Canoga Avenue. This project will include a state of the art Charter School and a community center. The other, that the City Council approved at my request earlier this year, is a 24 unit complex which includes child care for the residents and, if spaces are available, to the local community. This project will soon be breaking ground at Hart Street and Owensmouth Avenue.

These projects are replacing blighted buildings and will help in the revitalization of the neighborhoods.

However, it is important to keep balance in check and to make sure that new housing projects do not diminish quality of life: particularly in terms of traffic, over crowding, and other infrastructure demands. As many have noticed, the number of multiple residential buildings in the Warner Center Area has rapidly increased. This is choking traffic in that area and along the 101 freeway and taking away land that could be used for business. The soon to open Orange Line bus way will alleviate, but not solve, the traffic impacts in the area. That is why I am requiring the Planning Department to amend the Warner Center Plan to slow down the residential growth (primarily luxury condos), provide more transportation improvements, and keep the jobs housing balance in check for this regional center.

There has also been pressure to increase the housing density in

Reseda in an area generally bounded by Saticoy to the south, Tampa to the west, Roscoe to the north and Wilbur to the east. Like Walnut Acres in Woodland Hills and Melody Acres in Tarzana, this is an area that is currently planned and zoned for horse and animal keeping. I with the vast majority of the neighborhood have opposed any plan amendments to allow for more density. I feel it is important to make this type of housing still available in the San Fernando Valley. To this end, I am in the beginning stages of working with the neighborhood and the Reseda Neighborhood Council to give a special identification to this neighborhood in Reseda.

To address all the land use needs of the West San Fernando Valley is no easy task. For my first term in office I feel that I have been successful in keeping housing in the proper balance, and I pledge to keep that balance in check for my next four years as the Third District Councilman.



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

## Canoga Park Celebrates All-America City Status

During the last week of June, a delegation of representatives from Canoga Park traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to vie for the prestigious All-America City Award, an award which honors communities who have worked together to address critical issues facing the area. After several days of rehearsing, presenting, and showing just what Canoga Park is made of, the All America City Award was bestowed upon this neighborhood, which makes up part of the Third Council District.

Canoga Park was selected as a finalist, after submitting a lengthy application, which focused on how the community came together despite much of the hardship it had experienced. After the Northridge quake in 1994, the neighborhood was left in shambles. Shortly after, the Community Redevelopment Agency came in, and with the help of the Council Office, the Mayor's Office, and the residents of the area, Canoga Park slowly began to rebuild itself by working together with various community groups, government, businesses, and residents.

The All America City Award

application highlighted three projects in the area, all of which have illustrated the partnerships in the community, as well as shown how Canoga Park has overcome obstacles to become the place it is today. The first project was Business Improvement District's landscape and maintenance program, which cleans up the area on a daily basis and boasts having picked up over two million pieces of trash in 2004. The second, the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center Tile Mural Project, entitled *Magical Mystery Destination*, beautified the area and continues to provide youth with an alternative to the gang activity, which is prevalent throughout the City. Lastly, the third project highlighted was the Annual *Día de Los Muertos* Festival, which brings thousands of people from diverse ages and background into the business area, to celebrate an ancient cultural tradition.

The delegation, which consisted of eleven individuals, included Mary Paterson, John Parker, Joe Andrews, Miguel Santiago, Vicki Gilkey, Jean Jauck, Stuart Vaughan, Arely Esqueda, John Bwarie from Mayor Hahn's Office, Marisol Espinoza, and

Councilman Dennis P. Zine, and reflected community involvement and diversity from the level of the Mayor's Office, the Council Office, Canoga Park Historical Society, to the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce, to the Canoga Park Improvement Association to Main Street Canoga Park, and many more organizations in the area.

Thirty communities, cities, counties, regions competed for the coveted award in Atlanta. The largest delegation was Palm Bay, Florida, which had about 120 delegates. For the opening ceremony, marching bands, *maria-chis*, and dancers, filled the ballroom of the Marriot Marquis, and crowds of people ran into the room chanting the names of their respective communities.

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Councilman Dennis P. Zine received the plaque for Canoga Park All American City Award with Mayor Villaragosa, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and the Canoga Park Delegation.



## Canoga Park Celebrates All-America City Status (Cont'd.)

Each delegation presented for ten minutes, and then responded to questions from a jury panel for an additional ten minutes. In its presentation, Canoga Park invited the jury and audience to “Experience [its] diversity,” a message that was felt by all in the room. Each delegate dressed to represent a segment of the community, Councilman Zine, in his police uniform, Vicki Gilkey in traditional African dress, Mary Paterson and Miguel Santiago, in orange vests and hard hats, and Marisol Espinoza and Arely Esqueda in Mexican folkloric costume, just to name a few. During her presentation describing *Dia de Los Muertos*, the CRA’s Vicki Gilkey said, “The ethnic diversity of Canoga Park reflects the demographic shifts taking place in urban areas throughout the country and offers a model of how diversity can strengthen a community.”

After two days of rehearsals and presentations, all thirty communities gathered in the ballroom to hear the much-awaited results. Dot Ridings, one of the jury members and Board of Directors for the National Civic League, summarized Canoga Park by saying that “ This community beautified their downtown area through economic revitalization and encourages neighborhood community beautification by engaging youth to do public art.

This community celebrates its diversity through their annual festival.” The fourth winner announced at the convention was Canoga Park, Los Angeles, California. Canoga Park is the second neighborhood to ever win this award, and the first in the City of Los Angeles to receive this honor.

On August 4, 2005, three hundred community members and city officials gathered at the Madrid Theater to celebrate this victory for the community. This event also served as the kick-off of a marketing campaign for Canoga Park. This campaign seeks to bring business into the area, and to bring people to the Main Street area. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, City Controller Laura Chick, Assemblymember Cindy Montanez, Councilman Zine, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and others attended to congratulate Canoga Park for serving as an example for other communities in the City of Los Angeles. During the event, Mayor Villaraigosa and Councilman Zine also unveiled identification signs to be posted in the community, and presented Canoga Park with a plaque from the City, thanking them for promoting diversity.

It is evident to many that Canoga Park continues to prove itself as the community that can overcome. The area which was once

gang infested, filled with vacant storefronts, and vagrants, now houses two playhouses, a Youth Arts Center, a Dance Studio, the Walk of Hearts, an Annual Memorial Day Parade, a Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, and little to no vacancies along Sherman Way. Mary Paterson, Executive Director of the Canoga Park Improvement Association said “This community got together, in the spirit of friendship and with the belief that they could make a difference in their neighborhood and in people’s lives, and they did.” More and more people are growing to believe that Canoga Park indeed can continue to revitalize, promote positive business, and develop ways to bring people into the area, therefore, serving as a model within the City of Los Angeles. Everyone involved in this process truly believed that this could happen, and thus the community is reaping the rewards.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Assemblymember Montanez, Leslie Lambert from the CRA, Jean Jauck & Mary Paterson from the Canoga Park Chamber and Miguel Santiago, President of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council.



## City of Lauderhill

Charles Faranda, City Manager



June 23, 2005

William T. Fujioka, City Administrator  
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Dear Mr. William T. Fujioka:

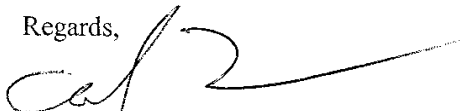
Congratulations on becoming an official All-America City! The City of Lauderhill considers itself in good company winning this prestigious and most-coveted accolade along side a City like yours!

Lauderhill including all of our residents, City Officials, personnel, business owners, and community partners hope you are experiencing the utmost pride and exhilaration in being awarded this honor from the National Civic League. We hope you are enjoying all of the hard work that together your community has sustained and endured with victorious celebrations and merriment! It is well deserved!

If at anytime you or any of your fine residents come through our neck of the woods, please send them to our City for a special All-America tour!

Again, we congratulate you on this fine accomplishment and ultimate community achievement!

Regards,



Charles Faranda  
City Manager

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BY GRETCHEN MARTIN, FIELD DEPUTY  
SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF  
WOODLAND HILLS

## In and Around Woodland Hills



Councilman Dennis P. Zine speaks at the Taft High School Graduation.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine was the Keynote Speaker for the “2005 Project College Bound” Graduation at Taft High School. This is a wonderful program that assists students to be prepared to matriculate directly to a four-year college from high school. Students come from all District 1 High Schools and must meet the criteria of a 3.0 GPA in four-year college required classes. Students who get D’s, F’s or too many C’s are withdrawn from the program. The targeted groups for the Project College Bound are, the under represented minorities, including African American, Native American and Latino students, and the socio-economically disadvantaged. The students and parents sign a contract committing to attending all Project College bound programs, taking a rigorous schedule each year, and completing

the college testing on time. Most of the student’s parents never attended college and this program gives them training in all the elements that the students experience during the college search and application process. The parents are then equipped to provide quality information to simplify and clarify the process for the students. The first class graduated in 2002 with 272 students with the number of African American students being admitted to the University of California from District C increasing 150%. The number of Latino students admitted to the University of California increased 32%. The results of the 2003 senior class showed that they planned to attend 4 year colleges at twice the rate of the entire class of District C seniors. In 2004, 82% of the African American students and 78% of the Hispanic students matriculated directly to a four year college. This years class has graduates going as far away to attend college as Arizona State, the Air Force Academy, University of Michigan and Columbia. These kids are committed to successful futures and will be a great asset to the city of Los Angeles when they become college graduates.

### 7TH ANNUAL “PLAY DAY” AT LOKRANTZ

Councilman Zine tossed a few footballs at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual “play day” at Lokrantz Elementary School. This is the brainchild of Steve Kalan, football coach at El Camino Real High School and his wife, Ronda, a teacher at Lokrantz. Their goal was to give students with special needs a chance to interact with the general community of students and learn about sports, an opportunity many of those children would never have otherwise. Some of the football players and cheerleaders came over from El Camino and interacted with the students. The football players let them wear their jerseys and the cheerleaders lead them in some cheers. The Councilman had a great time “playing football” and sharing in the social time with the students.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with students from Lokrantz Elementary & El Camino Real High Schools.



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

## **BEST IN SHOW**

Councilman Dennis P. Zine was on hand to judge this years “Best in Show” competition at Petfest 2005. The fun and worthwhile pet fair and adoption event was hosted by the Kiwanis Club on June 25, 2005.

This exposition provided plenty of fun for both pets and their owners. Registration was a nominal fee of \$5 per pet and entitled the animal and his or her owner to participate in the Parade and to enter one of five contests, including: Most Unusual, Best Costume, Pet/Owner Look-a-Like, Most Talented and Best in Show. Other activities such as a canine agility course, animal demonstrations, booths laden with for pet-related goods and services, micro-chipping services, and edible treats provided by food vendors also available to visitors and added to the days excitement.



**Councilman Dennis P. Zine poses with one of the winners.**

The Department of Animal Services also had a booth there and brought several cute animals in need of home, if you were not able to attend the event you can still adopt one of these animals by simply calling 1-800-SPAY 4 LA.

The proceeds from this charity event went to CATS (Children's Assault Treatment Services) at Northridge Hospital, a non profit charity that assists child victims of abuse and assault.

As always, the Petfest was hosted by the Kiwanis Club members of Division 25. Division 25 Kiwanis is located in the West San Fernando Valley, and is comprised of the Kiwanis Clubs of Calabasas-Agoura Hills, Canoga Park-Reseda, Chatsworth, Northridge, Tarzana-Encino, Van Nuys, Warner Center, and Woodland Hills.

### **THE KEYS TO HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS**

Councilman Dennis P. Zine sent his congratulations and well wishes to the group of adults who graduated from the El Camino and Reseda Community Adult Schools this June. In addition to having a representative from Councilman Zine, a representative from Assemblyman Lloyd Levine’s Office was present and LAUSD Boardmember Jon

Lauritzen were also present for the momentous occasion.

“It is not easy going to work all day and then coming to school at night,” said the class president. “...but, you do it, if you want a better life for your family.”

Reseda Community and El Camino Community Adult Schools are only two of the 36 Community Adults school and 11 employment preparation centers of the Division of Adult and Career Education, Los Angeles Unified School District.

They provide services to over 400,000 community members from birth through senior citizenship; offering classes in parenting, ESL, GED, academic preparation for adults and high school age students, programs for older adults, and adults with disabilities.

El Camino and Reseda Community Adult Schools serve more than 15,000 community members in the central and western part of the San Fernando Valley, according to Elsa Madrid, Principal of Reseda Community Adult School.

The motto for this year’s graduating class was, “The Key to Happiness is having dreams... The key to success is making them come true.”





**BRIAN PERRY**  
**CHIEF LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY**

**TRACEY CHAVIRA**  
**LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY**



## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: AGENDAS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS..**

### **EXCESSIVE CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS MOTION**

Councilman Zine introduced a motion that raised concerns over the practice of change orders resulting in excessive costs in city construction projects. Change orders are usually necessary only to address unforeseen conditions, design modifications, and owner requests. Commonly, 10% of a bid is generally considered to be the price for change orders in addition to the cost.

Currently, change orders under \$100,000 are reviewed and authorized by the Bureau of Engineering. Change orders exceeding \$100,000 are presented to the Board of Public Works for consideration. Because this aspect of construction cost is difficult to evaluate while a project is underway, some review must be conducted to address concerns about the overall impact that unchecked change orders have on construction costs throughout the city.

Councilman Zine called on the Bureau of Engineering to answer some very relevant questions on change orders including: What is the percentage of construction costs that are paid by the city as a result of change orders? Categorically, what are the reasons for change orders? Can these reasons be corrected in the design or bid process? How many projects exceed the 10% anticipated change order costs? In what percentage of projects do change order costs exceed 25%, 50% (or more) of the original bid?

The Bureau of Engineering report in response to Councilman Zine's motion states that change orders fall into three categories, changed/unforeseen conditions, errors and omissions, and changes in scope. The City Engineer noted that for 2004, most change orders in city construction projects resulted from changed/unforeseen conditions. Another source of change orders identified by the Bureau is errors and omissions. The City Engineer noted that in order to reduce errors and omissions in construction plans and specifications, multiple reviews for accuracy and completeness are made during the design and final plan approval phases. Finally, requests to change the project scope cause change orders to occur.

The Bureau noted that the median percentage of change order for the 59 contracts completed by the city in 2004 was 6.5%. Also, 21 out of the 59 contracts, or 36%, had change order percentages that exceeded 10% of the contract award. Finally, the BOE stated that approximately 7% of the projects had change orders that exceeded 25% but were less than 50% of the contract award and 3% of the projects had change orders that exceeded 50% of the contract award.

# **“IDENTITY THEFT”**

**On the Rise and Wreaking Havoc for Consumers**

## **GET YOUR FREE IDENTITY THEFT PACKAGE**

Have you ever experienced the humiliation and anger of having your wallet stolen, or credit card used fraudulently? Well, there's a new, more sinister crime on the rise. It's called "Identity Theft."

Identity theft is more common than you might think. Much worse than a simple stolen wallet, identity thieves use stolen credit card receipts, drivers license numbers, bank or social security information to assume your complete identity. They use that information to obtain duplicate credit cards, driver's licenses, cellular telephones, purchase homes, and more. Then, they skip out on the bills and heavy obligations they create, leaving the victim stuck with the unpaid dunning notices and miserable credit.

The Federal Trade Commission says awareness and concern about identity theft is on the rise. FTC officials told a Senate panel that the volume of calls from worried consumers to its identity theft hotline (**1-877-ID-THEFT**) has doubled in the last 6 months.

The fear of identity theft has gripped the public as few consumer issues have. The number of calls to the FTC's hotline was running around 800 to 850 a week. More than half the callers complained that a stranger had opened a credit card account in their name. Other, potentially more costly scams included the opening of checking accounts and applications for auto loans made using the caller's identity. Some have even purchased homes using the victim's identity.

Authorities advise victims to take a series of actions once they discover that their identities have been pinched—including closing bank accounts, terminating credit card accounts and sending letters to credit bureaus, banks, and driver's license bureaus. It's best to terminate the entire relationship with a bank or credit card company and inform them of the situation.

## **PICK UP YOUR FREE IDENTITY THEFT PACKAGE**

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The annual three-day Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival is the nation's largest, drawing more than 40,000 visitors and serving 30,000 pounds of lobster. Enjoy fresh, steamed lobsters, with hot drawn butter, coleslaw and rolls all for **\$16.00** – a great deal!

In addition to fresh Maine lobster, the event features a variety of food and beverages, live music and entertainment, street performers, carnival rides and games, children's activities, arts and crafts, a scuba diving tank and several vendors offering unique products and services. **Admission is \$8.00 for adults and kids under 8 FREE.** For more information, please visit their web site at <http://www.lobsterfest.com>

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, September 16, 2005 5:00 pm—11:00 pm  
Saturday, September 17, 2005 1:00 am—11:00 pm  
Sunday, September 18, 2005 11:00 am—7:00 pm

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Note...#399 does not replace 911 emergency service if you need medical, fire department or law enforcement response.

To read more about the new service, please visit their web site at [http://www.metro.net/press/2005/06\\_june/metro\\_095.htm](http://www.metro.net/press/2005/06_june/metro_095.htm)

# #399



# ICE Your Cell Phones

(In Case of Emergency)

A campaign to use cell phones to help in the treatment or identification of accident and disaster victims has taken off worldwide since the first bomb attacks in London.

Mobile phone users are being urged to enter a number in their phone's memory with the acronym ICE, for In Case of Emergency, before the names of the people they want to designate as next of kin in their cell address book, creating entries such as "ICE -- Dad" or "ICE -- Alison." Paramedics or police would be able to swiftly find the number and use it to reach a relative or friend who could help identify victims and treat injured ones, by providing vital personal information, including details of any medical conditions.

With ICE before the contact person's name, all a paramedic has to do is search for "ICE" to quickly get the name of the person to call. The advice, is that you first agree with that person that they be that contact, so they're aware of it. They **MUST (be able to)** confirm your date of birth, your name, preferably your address. Hopefully, things such as allergies, blood type, any previous medical history that may be relevant, and then get that information to the hospital, perhaps before you leave the scene of an accident, and that will expedite treatment. The hope is that the next-of-kin contact can meet you at the hospital at the same time and the treatment will be as rapid as it could possibly be."

ICE isn't foolproof: if somebody locks their phone or if the phone is broken in an incident or an accident, it's not going to work. The whole idea is that people should provide information for the emergency services to help treat you at the scene of an incident.

## 311

### Make One Call To City Hall

Residents may access information and any non-emergency service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 311 call center is equipped to serve the hearing impaired and information is available in more than 150 languages.



## Parallax Fourm

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## The New Westfield Topanga

Opening Fall 2006

**Westfield**  
Topanga



**Westfield Topanga** has recently commenced construction to bring the San Fernando Valley the very best in shopping, dining and entertainment. Never before has the Valley seen a shopping destination that brings upscale retailers, luxurious shopper services and unparalleled selection and taste together under one roof. The new **Westfield Topanga** will be a modern mecca of shopping as well as a place to meet, gather, recharge and relax. No need to “go over the hill” to find all that you are looking for.

The new **Westfield Topanga** will feature all our shoppers’ current favorite stores, plus a new Nordstrom, a two-story Target, 100 new shops and boutiques, new restaurant dining options, a café-style dining terrace, enhanced shopper services, and three new parking structures. This phase of this \$300 million endeavor is scheduled to be completed in Fall of 2006. Finally, in 2008, Neiman Marcus will open its doors, making **Westfield Topanga** the first shopping center in the world to feature a Target and Neiman Marcus under the same roof.

**Westfield Topanga** will also feature a new look throughout the existing center, plus a central atrium area called, “The Canyon”, which will feature dramatic glass ceilings, lush garden areas, relaxing sitting and meeting areas all made of natural materials and surfaces. The exterior face of **Westfield Topanga** will be changing as well, featuring an entirely new east elevation and hundreds of trees to compliment Topanga’s natural theme.

We invite you to follow our progress as we begin steps towards the new **Westfield Topanga**. For updated information, please visit or call our Shopping Concierge Center at (818) 594-8740 or visit our website at [www.westfield.com](http://www.westfield.com) or [Topanga@westfield.com](mailto:Topanga@westfield.com).

Contact Us! We love the emails we receive from you and would like to hear from you more.

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**Committee Assignments:**

Chair: Personnel Committee  
Vice-Chair: Intergovernmental Relations (**Interim Chair**)  
Member: Public Safety  
Member: Rules & Elections  
EERC: Executive Employee Relations Committee  
NLC: National League of Cities –(Public Safety Crime Prevention Sub-Committee)  
ICA: Independent City Association - Vice President  
LAPD: Line Reserve Officer  
LAUSD: Reserve Motorcycle Sergeant

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## INAUGURATION



Councilmembers Dennis P. Zine, Alex Padilla & Eric Garcetti are sworn in for their 2nd term. Councilman Rosendahl is sworn in for his 1st term.



Mayor Antonio Villaragosa swearing in along with the City Council, Vice President Al Gore, Governor Arnold & Maria Schwarzenegger, Father Mahoney, Reverend Jesse Jackson and many other dignitaries.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine, his son Chris Zine & Reverend Cecil Murray.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine, his son Chris with former California Governor Gray & Sharon Davis.



The new Elected Officials of Los Angeles: Mayor Antonio Villaragosa, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, Controller Laura Chick, Councilmembers, Ed Reyes, Dennis P. Zine, Jack Weiss, Alex Padilla, Jan Perry, Bill Rosendahl, Eric Garcetti and Janice Hahn. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.



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**Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors Blayne Sutton-Willis who leaves the Chief Legislative Office.**



**Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Mayor Antonio Villaragosa, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Captain Cardiac & the Coronaries at the 4th of July Firework Extravaganza at Warner Park.**



**Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Charlie Tuna from KBIG FM Radio, Mayor Antonio Villaragosa and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky at the 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza at Warner Park.**



**A brilliant fireworks display from the 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza at Warner Park.**



**Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Captain Sherman, West Valley LAPD and Senior Lead Officer Janet Zumstein present a certificate to Nancy & Walt Sweeney for their help with National Nite Out.**



**Councilman Dennis P. Zine & City Hall staff celebrating the 2nd Anniversary of his 29th Birthday. (Jennifer Forkish, Brian Perry, Tracey Chavira, Tom Henry, Maria Aguiniga, Chief of Staff-Sharon Sandow and Carleen Gonzalez)**