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**State Senator Robert Hertzberg**

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COMMUNITY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 - 7:15 PM  
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL • RIVERSIDE & WOODMAN, SHERMAN OAKS

Our State Senator Robert Hertzberg will be the featured speaker at our Meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. He previously represented Sherman Oaks as our Assemblyman and during that time was the Speaker of the Assembly.

The Los Angeles Times described Bob Hertzberg as “a high-velocity wonk; he loves BIG ideas and will flesh out every one of them if you give him a chance.”

The Daily News has said Robert Hertzberg “has a relentless dedication and indefatigable energy – he has a reputation for integrity and perseverance.”

Attend our Wednesday Meeting to learn more from our State Senator, Robert Hertzberg.

Jules Feir announces that Te’kila will be the Restaurant of the Month, located at 13817 Ventura Boulevard and celebrating almost 2 years in business Te’kila immerses guests in an authentic Mexican cantina fitted with antique fixtures, rustic woodwork and a beautiful outdoor patio.

With themed daily specials ranging from Margarita Mondays to Fajita Thursdays there is something for everyone looking to experience authentic Mexican cuisine, quality cocktails, and a unique venue. We look forward to enjoying a taste of their delicious food during our Social Hour starting at 6:15 pm and thank them for their community support.

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Our 19th Annual Toy Drive was a great success. The toys were collected for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. The Agency held a Holiday event for foster children. The toys you donated were the only ones distributed at the event.

Thanks to the following officials for attending the event:

Our Councilman David Ryu, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (retired), Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell, and City Attorney Michael Feuer. Also, our State Senator Robert Hertzberg, Councilmen Bob Blumenfield, Assistant LAPD Chief Michel Moore, and our former Councilman Tom LaBonge.

Many thanks to Jules Feir (Chairman of the Event), Matt Epstein (fantastic antique cars to hold the toys), Chuck Betz, Goodway Printing and, of course, Marshall Long (Santa Claus). Special thanks to Gelson’s for use of their parking lot, their advertising of the event and the foods and drinks provided. Gelson’s Corporate - Yvonne Manganaro, Director of Marketing and Gelson’s Sherman Oaks Store Director Jose Salmeron allowed us to use the store facilities and helped publicize the event and Carla Gonzalez, Resource Coordinator of Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

Police vehicles and a trash truck were at the Toy Drive for children to explore. A sincere thank you to Council Deputy Nikki Ezhari who coordinated City equipment and personnel for the event.

So what happened to the toys you contributed? Maria Pavlou Kalban attended the December 20th Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) annual toy giveaway for foster children. About 400 children were treated to food, crafts, and their choice of any of your toys on the table identified for their age group. These toys helped make this day pretty exciting for so many kids and their parents. We (you) were thanked by the wonderful people at DCFS for our providing toys for their event. Many thanks to all of you that donated a toy and helped make the season bright for many kids.

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Bob Anderson reports that LA Metro has finished their 13-month study and community meetings for the Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvements Project. Today, the Orange Line covers 18 miles in a street-level busway, crossing 44 intersections from North Hollywood to Chatsworth. It has 26,000 riders each weekday and is one of Metro’s busiest and best performing lines.

As part of Measure M, Metro will break ground in 2019 on several improvements for better service and safety. These include (1) a one-mile-long elevated busway (above street level) from Van Nuys Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard with two new elevated stations and (2) railroad-type crossing gates for 34 other Orange Line intersections which will come down to stop automobile cross-traffic. Metro estimates these improvements will reduce the 50 to 55-minute travel time from North Hollywood to Chatsworth by about 16 minutes, increase ridership by about 10,000 persons daily, and improve safety.

