

# Discussing the city

On Wednesday I'm launching the first in a five-part speaker series to discuss ways to improve the delivery of city services.

Engaging Vallejo's citizenry in an iterative dialogue on this crucial topic is essential, and is extremely relevant to our current fiscal crisis.

If we don't explore the experiences and best practices of other jurisdictions, as well as the fiscal impacts, what is the future of our city services and will we be adequately prepared?

We need a well-informed plan and a sense of direction to get us there. With that, I invite you to attend the following free community forums, get your questions answered, and learn more about other ways of budgeting for and the delivery of city services.

## • Budgeting As If You Mattered

How do we get the results we need from city government in an age of permanent fiscal crisis? The panel will focus on priority-based budgeting and budgeting for outcomes — the Fairfield and Ventura experience.

**Date:** Wednesday.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Courtyard Marriott, 1000 Fairgrounds Drive.

### **Speakers:**

Rick Cole, City Manager, City of Ventura.  
Bob Leland, Director of Finance, City of Fairfield.

## • Regionalizing Public Safety

Is it worth considering and how would it impact you?

**Date:** Dec. 1.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Bay Terrace Theater/Mira Theater, 51 Daniels Ave.

### **Speakers:**

Law Offices of Liebert, Cassidy and Whitmore, San Francisco.

## • Contract Cities? Full Service Cities?

What's the difference and is there an impact on the delivery of high quality city services?

**Date:** Dec. 15.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Joseph Room, JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara St.

**Speakers:**

Sam Olivito, Executive Director, Contract Cities Association.

Steve Falk, City Manager, City of Lafayette.

Mayor Pamela Torliatt, City of Petaluma (pending).

• **Getting the community benefits and services we deserve!**

How can we improve our neighborhoods and ensure high-quality amenities and services in these tough fiscal times? The speaker will discuss the advantages of establishing a Community Benefits District Ordinance and community foundation to apply for private sector grants that can benefit public sector projects and programs.

**Date:** Jan. 12, 2011.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Bay Terrace Theater/Mira Theater, 51 Daniels Ave.

**Speaker:**

Marco Li Mandri, President, New City America.

Executive Director, Little Italy Association, San Diego.

• **The Policy Perspective on Contracting Out and Regionalizing City Services**

Date and speakers to be determined.

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