

Citizens For Vallejo

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Citizens For Vallejo: A New Approach to Assessing Candidates *Candidate Debate to be held September 25*

Citizens For Vallejo (CFV), a Political Action Committee formed by residents of Vallejo, wants to ensure that 2011 candidates and incumbents demonstrate leadership qualities that advance the City of Vallejo. To that end, CFV will host a Candidates' Debate on September 25, 2011 at 4:00 pm at the Springbrook Masonic Temple.

CFV President Denise Martin expressed the group's interest in improving Vallejo's overall quality of life. "This is a very important election as our city emerges from bankruptcy and struggles to become a financially sustainable city. We must address our immediate and long term problems. To do this, CFV believes that Vallejo needs leaders who have viable economic development and financial plans for Vallejo, plans and ideas to move Vallejo forward, and have the skills to guide us there."

CFV has done considerable work over the past year in preparation for the election, as Paul Norberg, CFV Treasurer, describes, "In order to identify the best leaders among 2011 candidates, we have developed a set of core values to use as a yardstick and measure candidates leadership qualities. These values include leadership and vision, economic development, fiscal responsibility, public safety, transparency in government, education, civil rights and arts and culture."

"We think this is a fair and unbiased method that will reveal to the Vallejo community those candidates best suited to lead Vallejo in this most critical time of our City's history. If we are going to improve our quality of life in Vallejo we need smart, compassionate, and respectful leaders. We are confident that CFV's work will identify the leadership qualities of the candidates and incumbents, and the September 25 candidates' debate is one step in that direction." Martin concluded.

All candidates for Vallejo City Council and mayor who have filed with the city clerk by the August 12th deadline will be invited to participate.

What: Citizens For Vallejo Candidate's Debate

When: Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 4:00 pm

Where: The Springbrook Masonic Temple, 100 Temple Way in Vallejo

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