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Sheriff's Candidate Forum Scheduled for the San Fernando Valley

LOS ANGELES, CA, April 13, 2014: The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Education Fund, the League of Women Voters Los Angeles County and ONEgeneration will co-host a forum for all candidates contending for the Office of Sheriff in the June 3rd primary. All seven candidates have been invited to participate in a moderated forum of one hour and forty-five minutes, which is free to the public. There will be additional time to meet with the candidates after the forum.

Date: April 13, 2014

Time: 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Location: ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center
18255 Victory Blvd. Reseda, CA 91335**

Los Angeles is the largest county in the United States, and one of the most diverse regions in any country. For the first time in 16 years voters will have the opportunity to fill a sheriff's office without an incumbent. With responsibility for the security of three million residents, leading an agency with over 18,000 employees as well as an incarcerated population of about 200,000, the competency of the Sheriff affects not only our overall security but also the lives of hundreds of thousands within the authority of this office. In addition to general law enforcement duties, the Sheriff's Department is responsible for the county jail system, maintains court and transportation centers security, emergency preparedness, and homeland security services.

Generally, off-year primary elections are of less interest to voters than the November general election, but this June 3rd Sheriff's election will either elect outright the candidate with a majority vote, or will narrow the field to two candidates for that November election. The listed organizations are keenly aware of the importance of this election and have partnered with the sponsors to create an informative, open forum for the public to learn from each candidate how he will fulfill the responsibility for such an important office:

Canoga Park Neighborhood Council; Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils;
Business and Professional Women; Valley Sunset District; Woodland Hills-

Tarzana Chamber of Commerce; Common Cause; Dignity Now, Safety for All; ACLU of Southern California; Justice Not Jails; Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership; Violence Prevention Coalition; and Youth Justice Coalition.

The news media are invited to attend.

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