

Michelle King

Superintendent
Los Angeles Unified
School District



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On the first day of March, at 8:00 am on a Tuesday morning, approximately 700 people came out to hear from new Superintendent **Michelle King**. This Town Hall meeting was organized by **Monica Ratliff**, 6th District Board member and her staff. Ms. Ratliff said that the event was the result of a request made to her by a person at the MLK Community Breakfast in January. The audience greeted the new Superintendent with a standing ovation in the Pacoima Middle School Auditorium.

*Ms. King has a warm greeting for **Bob Winn**, AALO President before the meeting gets started. **Fluke Fluke**, Village Nation co-founder also had an opportunity to meet the Superintendent.*

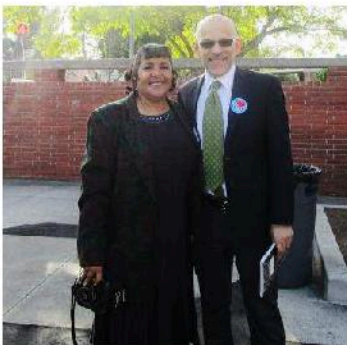
This was a significant event happening in the SFV.



Guests arrive. Coffee, juice, fruit and pastries were available before the Town Hall meeting started.



The Pacoima Singers Musical Theater Group is an award-winning multiethnic performing arts group at the Pacoima Middle School Performing Arts Magnet. They provided entertainment for the event.



*SFV NAACP President **Rosalind Scarbrough** and LAUSD Northeast District Superintendent **Byron Maltez**.*



INFORMATION ABOUT LAUSD: Founded in 1853, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the second largest in the nation and enrolls more than 640,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, at over 900 schools, and 187 public charter schools. The boundaries spread over 720 square miles and include the mega-city of Los Angeles as well as all or parts of 31 smaller municipalities plus several unincorporated sections of Southern California. For more information: home.lausd.net

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Byron Maltez with Dr. Yvonne Chan who is an award winning educator for 40 years and Principal of the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center and **Bob Winn**.



JoAnn Dawson (left) and Shauna Collins, MD both members of the AALO Education Task Force talk before the meeting.



Superintendent King who is 54 years old is the first African-American woman to hold this position. She is also the first woman in more than 80 years to lead this school district. Michelle King taught for 31 years as a science and math teacher.



Monica Ratliff and Bob share a laugh before the meeting starts!



Panel members are on stage and ready to answer questions: **Michelle King, Monica Ratliff** Board Member District 6 (moderator), **Vivian Ekchian**, Superintendent Northwest District, and **Byron Maltez**, Superintendent Northeast District.



The audience had an opportunity to ask questions both in English and Spanish and translations went quickly and smoothly. The questions covered a range of subjects including an emotional plea for more safety measures from a parent whose son was killed leaving San Fernando High School. For those parents who had specific questions about a particular school, LAUSD staff were on hand to speak with that parent one-on-one.



Vivian Ekchian speaks to the audience and answers questions at the Town Hall meeting.



Community members were there including **Nicole Chase, CR Cochrane McClurkin** and **Roxanne Wilson**



She was appointed to her position less than two months ago. This was Superintendent King's first public speaking visit to the SFV and we are happy to hear that she wants to continue this type of interaction and dialogue with parents and community stakeholders.



Issues around traditional public schools and charter schools continue to raise questions. AALO Education Task Force member, **Mamie Nelson** had a question about whether or not charter schools are starting to benefit from California's Proposition 39.



Our friend **Susan Abram** is a reporter with the Daily News here with **Bob Winn**.



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