

*One of the VERY BEST sessions/class/trainings
I have ever attended in my many years in the
private or public sector.*

Great Valley Leadership Institute Impacts

GVLI Alumni are bringing inspiration and effectiveness to a broad range of California's citizens, through serving in-state and local government.

In evaluations completed by GVLI participants, additional benefits cited were:

- the creation of new networks among elected officials in nearby jurisdictions;
- a greater ability to think regionally (beyond one's own jurisdiction);
- an increase in the desire to work collaboratively;
- increased confidence in leading action;
- a unanimous recommendation of the program to other elected officials.

Request for Applicants

The 2009 GVLI will be held in the fall, in a remote setting outside Yosemite which encourages full participation and offers amenities to help offset the intensity of the schedule and experience. It also provides one of the few occasions a local elected official can expand their leadership capacity and be rewarded for their hard work and time-consuming commitment.

For more information on how to participate, contact Angelina Ceja at Great Valley Center, (209) 522-5103 or angelina@greatvalley.org.

Background of Great Valley Center

The GVLI was created by the Great Valley Center as a part of its mission to support activities and organizations benefitting the economic, social and environmental well-being of California's Great Central Valley.

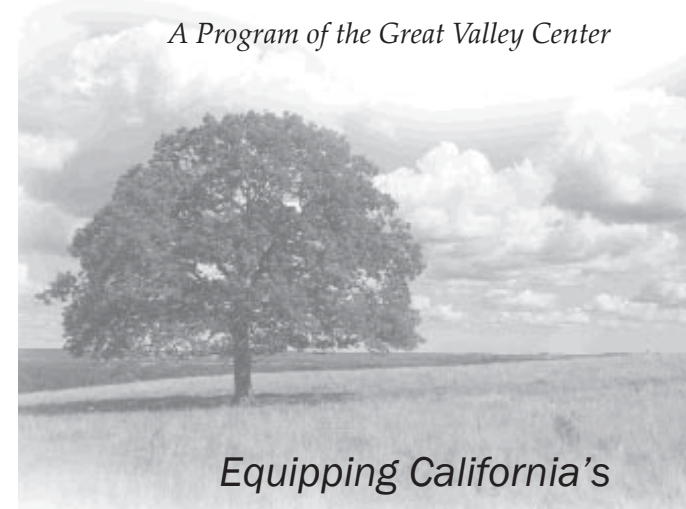
A one-of-a-kind resource, all of the Great Valley Center programs gather people representing an extraordinary array of interests to talk, listen and plan together. With a well-established reputation for neutral leadership and connections that span every sector and community, the Great Valley Center is the organization most trusted by elected officials, business leaders, farmers, teachers and community leaders to convene stakeholders, share impartial and up-to-date information and help people create realistic plans for change.



The Great Valley Center is led by Dr. David Hosley and a governing board committed to the values and mission of this special organization. Its staff includes experts in a variety of issues that are essential to the Valley's short-term and long-term success. Dr. Hosley will attend this year's session, along with Senior Program Manager Dejeuné Shelton, an alumna of GVLI who is Vice Mayor of Patterson, and Angelina Ceja, who has coordinated logistics since GVLI started. For more information on the Great Valley Center's leaders and staff, please visit the "About Us" page at www.greatvalley.org.

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*Equipping California's
leaders with the tools
needed to create a
robust future*

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*Leadership skills are important at every level of government.
Public Service demands the best from each of us.*

Ruben Barrales, President & CEO at San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, and former White House Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

The Best Training at the Most Critical Juncture

The Great Valley Center knows that both newly elected and seasoned leaders can benefit from quality training to help them accomplish their many important tasks. That's why the Great Valley Center created the Great Valley Leadership Institute.

The Great Valley Leadership Institute is recognized as an effective and valued leadership training program and is supported by the California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities and the California School Boards Association.

A tremendous learning experience, along with a group of wonderful elected officials. It's great to have the different jurisdictions and different geographical areas.

Now in its seventh year, the GVLI invites high-potential elected officials who have served at least one year on a city council, board of supervisors or school board to spend 4½ days developing their skills on how to approach topics such as community building, effective negotiations, thinking critically, creating coalitions and working with the media.

Nationally Recognized Faculty

Marty Linsky, J.D., is a full-time faculty member of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and co-founder of the Cambridge Leadership Associates. An expert in facilitation, leadership training, ethics and strategic planning, Marty Linsky is a former state legislator in Massachusetts. He is associated with Cambridge Leadership Associates and is co-author of *Leadership on the Line*.

Saletta Boni Ph.D., is an organizational psychologist with expertise in leadership and work team development. She is a faculty member at Columbia University and participates in the senior executive programs as well as customized client work for the Columbia Business School Executive Education Program. Dr. Boni is a senior consultant and managing partner with Leadership Consulting Associates, based in New York.

*I loved all the instruction, formal and informal.
Most of us are on a similar path and want to make a difference on multiple levels.*

The training is especially renowned for helping these officials broaden their perspectives, become more inclusive stewards of their communities, and exercise ethical and professional leadership.

Creating California's Future

When the votes have all been cast and counted, election winners quickly face staggering challenges. Newly elected and even seasoned leaders often struggle as they navigate economic, political and social issues; shaping policy with wide-ranging impacts while working under the scrutiny of the media and their constituents.

The Great Valley Center is an acknowledged resource for elected officials. In 2002, it created the Great Valley Leadership Institute to equip elected officials with the tools they need to accomplish what they want most: to help California create a robust future.

The GVLI has given me an opportunity to evaluate myself, my leadership skills and really have the opportunity to see how I can sharpen my abilities to help my constituents.