

ARMINEH CHELEBIAN FOR 2011 LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
The status quo has got to go!



WINNETKA, CA – On September 14th 2009 Armineh Safarian Chelebian joined the race for the 2011 Los Angeles City Council in the Western San Fernando Valley's 12th City Council district.

Armineh S. Chelebian a 32 year resident of the City of Los Angeles, and an 18 year resident of Council district 12, recognizes the urgent need for a change in a new direction for her beloved city. The city's leadership, public employees union, special interest factions, and other influential groups within the City Hall are taking Los Angeles towards bankruptcy. Their bad spending habits, lack of accountability, fiscal irresponsibility and transparency are just a few of the major causes that have facilitated this failing trend in our city. While our city continues to face a serious budget crisis the spending spree by our elected officials continues to increase. Including but not limited to; paying the public employees pay rates above the private industry rate, on going pay raises, unwarranted bonuses, granting full benefits with minimum or no employee contribution and highly vested life time pensions. Consequently, these imprudent spending practices are effectively forcing our families to accept a declining level in the quality of life. While essential city services are plummeting, taxes and hidden taxes in the form of rates, fees, and cost of service charges continue to escalate. The private sector, due to the higher cost of doing business, increased regulations, red tape, and unfair city business taxes and in addition lack of incentives continue to decrease. As a result, businesses and employers are impelled to leave our city and consequently contribute to higher unemployment rates and lesser job formation. Our city's "usual way of doing business" and the budget need an overhaul in order to jumpstart the economy back into shape. It is time for a common sense fiscal conservative, who also is deeply invested in her community to aid in this greatly needed overhaul.

Chelebian's fiscal conservatism is rooted in her education and vocation as an accountant. She graduated from California State University Northridge in 1984 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. After graduating from CSUN Chelebian gained over twenty five years experience in the private sector in the fields of: Auditing, Accounting, Management, Budgeting, Financial Analysis, Taxes, Purchasing, Vendor Negotiation, Consulting, and Business entrepreneurship. In 1994 she became a small business owner by establishing Accounting and Financial Consulting Services, a successful accounting practice based in City of Los Angeles.

Armineh is rooted in this city; she has raised two children who have graduated from the LAUSD public school system. Her daughter has recently graduated from CSUN in 2009 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and her son is currently attending CSUN as a Kinesiology major.

As an important member of our cities cultural, political and business community Chelebian's passion for continued involvement and desire to increase the quality of life has lead her down a ten year community service path. She has served thousands of volunteer hours for her community and city. A few of her accomplishments include: Former seven year elected board member of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council, where she served as the Chair of Public Works Transportation Committee and Interfaith Committee. Current elected board member of Reseda Neighborhood Council. Current member and Former Board member of Winnetka Chamber of Commerce. Board member of Valley Vote, where she served as Co-Chair of Education committee, Chair of Charter School reform committee, and member of Business tax reform committee. Delegate to California Republican Party. Former member of the Executive board of the Los Angeles County Republican Party, for which she served as Assistant Treasurer. Publicly elected member of the 40th Assembly District Republican County Central Committee and Former Chair. Former elected parent representative to various LAUSD Leadership Boards, for her kid's attended schools. Chelebian's desire to help her community, has also lead her to run for various offices within the recent years: Valley City Council in the 2002-Valley Secession, Los Angeles City Council-CD 12 in 2003, 40th AD State Assembly in 2006 and 2008 where she won the Republican Primary.

Within the ten years of service for her community Armineh has become a stronger individual through the opportunities she has been granted and the defeats she has overcome. Armineh's foundations are deep, her experience is ample, and her knowledge is necessary. Currently, Chelebian is more than determined to carry on with the tremendous journey set ahead of her. She is looking forward to bringing true change and fiscal responsibility to the City Hall as well as bettering the quality of life and future for her family, friends, neighborhood, businesses and city community.

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