

Press Release

Rock & Vote Concert

“The power of our vote = the strength of our community”

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As a thriving Vietnamese American community, we hope to make our presence and opinions known by becoming more knowledgeable of the electoral process. We wish to have our voices heard by celebrating the values of freedom and democracy that makes us proud to be Americans. *Rock & Vote Concert 2002* is a nonpartisan Voter Education, Outreach and Registration Concert. We will bring the Vietnamese community together to educate and share with the community the value, power and benefit of voting. *Rock & Vote Concert 2002* is a free event. This event is a joint project of several Vietnamese organizations in the DC metro area. All are welcome at this community-wide event.

**Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA
Sunday, September 29, 2002
1 pm to 5 pm**

The Rock & Vote Concert will be featuring musical performances by Lynda Trang Dai, Tommy Ngo, Cat Tien and many other performing artists. The concert aims to educate the attendees about the importance of their civic duty to vote. New voters will be registered and previously registered voters will be reminded of the importance of voting via absentee ballot or at the local precincts. On hand will be volunteers demonstrating the various voting apparatus used in the DC Metro area (District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia). An anticipated 1000+ attendees will be attending throughout the course of the event. Elected officials and representatives from local, state and federal government have been invited to attend this event.

The Rock & Vote Concert is possible through the financial contributions of several organizations and individuals. A partial list of contributors includes:

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