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Attending the farewell party for the UTU's Victor Baffoni are, from left, James Woodson of Manpower Systems and Support; Richard Hunt, San Fernando Valley Sector general manager; Fidel Mendoza, president, Local 1608; Ed Del Genio, DEO Labor Relations; Aaron Montgomery, newly elected chairman, UTU Local 1608; UTU General Chairman James Williams, Victor Baffoni; Maria Reynolds, Division 8 Manager; and Carolyn Flowers, Chief Operating Officer.



Division 8 Says Goodbye to UTU Local 1608 Chairman Victor Baffoni

- The Metro veteran will take a new position with UTU International

(Dec. 12, 2007) Employees at West Valley Division 8 hosted a farewell party, Dec. 7, for one of their alumni – UTU Local 1608 Chairman Victor Baffoni, who is leaving Los Angeles for a new position with the UTU International organization.

Baffoni, 59, who also serves as vice general chairman of the UTU general committee, consisting of five locals, recently was elected vice president and director of the international union's bus department. He begins his new job in January.

Attending the farewell party in addition to his wife, Theresa, were UTU General Chairman James Williams, Metro Chief Operating Officer Carolyn Flowers, San Fernando Valley General Manager Richard Hunt, Division 8 Transportation Manager Maria Reynolds and others.

Baffoni joined Metro's predecessor agency as a bus operator in 1974, and was assigned to Division 8 for many years. He became a full-time UTU employee in February 1997 and has served as chairman of Local 1608 since 1995.

In a September interview, he told myMetro.net, "I'll be coming out to LA. This is my home property and a lot of our membership is here. When there's an issue and my assistance is needed, I'll be here."

