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SOUTH POWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION to sponsor Poway City Council Candidate Forum

POWAY, CA / September 3, 2008 --- The SOUTH POWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SPRA) is sponsoring a Poway City Council Candidate Forum on October 3, 2008. All four candidates have accepted invitations to participate in this forum. The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will be the official moderators. The general public is invited to attend this free event. Audience members will be encouraged to submit questions to the candidates on any local Poway issue. Listed below is text of an announcement for publication:

POWAY CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

SOUTH POWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SPRA) is sponsoring its second POWAY CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM. The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will be the official forum moderator. This event is free and open to the general public. All voters are encouraged to attend and submit questions to the candidates on local Poway issues. The forum will be at Poway Community Auditorium on Friday, October 3, 2008 at 7pm. The auditorium (13094 Civic Center Drive in Poway) is located in Poway Community Park near the Weingart Senior Center. The Community Park area is south of the Poway Public Library on Poway Road. For further information, please call SPRA secretary Karen Knecht at 858-679-0636.

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

SOUTH POWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION was formed from an idea of Connie Messina's that came together after the 2004 election. Connie ran for Poway City Council in 2004 due to the ongoing lack of South Poway representation on the Poway City Council. Many South Poway residents have long felt that their needs and concerns have largely been ignored by their City Council. Although Connie did not win a seat on the City Council (she also ran in 2006), many supporters urged her to continue to "represent" them in any way she could. This was the germination of SPRA as a grass-roots group in early 2005. SPRA brings together residents from all South Poway neighborhoods to work in support of common issues and goals.

Connie Messina was SPRA's Chairperson in 2005 and 2006. She is again SPRA's 2008 Chairperson. Due to term limits in the SPRA by-laws, Joe St. Lucas was SPRA's Chairperson in 2007. SPRA currently has 196 members. SPRA also has several members residing outside of South Poway who support SPRA issues.

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