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Business and Media Representatives, Union Advocates and Elected Officials Will Debate Gov. Schwarzenegger's Reform Agenda in Event Moderated by KOCEs Ed Arnold

ORANGE, Calif., Oct. 19, 2005 As the battle for political power in California escalates, key advocates representing a spectrum of positions on the upcoming statewide ballot measures will debate the pros and cons of Propositions 74 through 77 at Chapman University on Tuesday, Oct. 25. There will be a reception with hors d'oeuvres and coffee at 5:30 p.m., with the debate immediately following from 6 to 8 p.m. in 404 Beckman Hall on the Chapman campus in Orange. Admission is \$25 for the public, with free admission for Chapman students, faculty and staff with valid IDs. The event is presented by the Chapman University Department of Political Science, the Chapman University School of Education and AeA Orange County Council. The corporate sponsor is Alvaka Networks (www.alvaka.net).

The event will be moderated by Ed Arnold, anchor of KOCE-TV's Real Orange. Participants will include:

Todd Spitzer, state assemblyman for District 71

Steven Greenhut, senior editorial writer and columnist for the Orange County Register

Nick Berardino, general manager of the Orange County Employees Association

Mary Bergan, president of the California Federation of Teachers

Shannell Sedgwick, a teacher from the Tustin Unified School District

Vicki Soderberg, president of the Capistrano Unified Education Association

Wallace Walrod, vice president of the Orange County Business Council

Four statewide ballot measures will be discussed and debated: Prop. 74 (teacher tenure), Prop. 75 (union dues for political purposes), Prop. 76 (California budget spending limits/education funding) and Prop. 77 (redistricting).

For more information, the public can call 949-477-5300, ext. 101. Tickets will be available at the door, or may be ordered in advance at www.aeanet.org/orangecounty.