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College Students, Public Invited to ‘Debate Watching 101’ Event

FOLSOM – A panel of communications and debate experts, political reporters and a college student leader will present a “Debate Watching 101” seminar on Oct. 18 at Folsom Lake College that will be open to college students, the general public and news media.

The Tuesday afternoon discussion is scheduled for 12:15 pm to 1:15 p.m., at the Community Room (Aspen Hall FL1-20) of Folsom Lake College, 10 College Parkway, off East Bidwell Street, in Folsom.

The seminar will precede the live broadcast debate later that night between Democratic U.S. Rep Ami Bera and Republican Scott Jones at KVIE-TV studios in Sacramento. The two men are vying for the 7th Congressional District seat. The debate will be carried live on KVIE-TV Channel 6 and Capital Public Radio 90.9 FM, from 7-8 p.m., PDT.

The panelists at the Tuesday afternoon seminar hope to educate attendees about the value, importance, techniques and strategies of debate in a political campaign, so that they leave the one-hour-long session as more informed voters who are better prepared to watch or listen to the debate that night, to absorb the airing of the issues of the day and, in the long run, to cast an educated, informed vote on Election Day, November 8. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask the panelists questions.

The “Debate Watching 101” panel will include: Christopher Cadelago, political reporter for The Sacramento Bee; Georgine Hodgkinson, professor of Communication Studies at Cosumnes River College; Bob Moffitt, Sacramento Region Reporter for Capital Public Radio and one of the media panelists for the evening debate; and Rebecca “Becca” Kelley, Student Senate President of the Associated Students of Folsom Lake College. The event will be moderated by Chris Iwata, dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at Sacramento

City College and former director of Speech and Debate for the Los Rios Colleges and California State University, Northridge.

Tuesday afternoon's debate watching seminar and evening debate are being sponsored by KVIE, Capital Public Radio, The Sacramento Bee, the Los Rios Community College District and Folsom Lake College.

For more information on the debate and associated activities, go to the debate website: www.flc.losrios.edu/debate.