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MAYORAL RACE '08: CANDIDATES FACE THE VOTERS FIVE OF SEVEN SACRAMENTO MAYORAL CANDIDATES CONFIRMED TO ATTEND OFFICIAL PUBLIC FORUM

(Sacramento, CA) – The California Museum, News10, and *The Sacramento Bee* have received confirmation from five of the seven Sacramento mayoral candidates that they will participate in an official public forum scheduled for May 7, 2008. Those who have confirmed thus far are Mayor Heather Fargo, Adam Daniel, Leonard Padilla, Muriel Strand and Shawn Eldredge. This forum not only is intended to give *all* the candidates a rare opportunity to face each other, it will also to provide Sacramento voters with a unique chance to ask the candidates questions themselves. Questions from the community will be posed both via videotape or submitted live online during the forum.

The event will be held at The California Museum, beginning at 6 p.m. and be televised live for 60 minutes on News10, followed by a 30-minute discussion via live web stream on californiamuseum.org, news10.net and sacbee.com (the California Museum, News10 and Sacramento Bee websites).

"Connecting the community with our leaders and providing meaningful conversation is necessary in an important mayoral election," says President and General Manager of News10, Russell Postell. "News10 is committed to supporting these conversations on all mediums and giving people an opportunity to participate."

Moderating the event will be News10 anchor Dale Schornack and the panelists will include Terri Hardy of *The Sacramento Bee* and Marcey Brightwell of News10. Executive Director of The California Museum, Claudia French will present questions from the community as a third panelist.

"Political discussion is part of California's DNA," stated French. "The Museum has dared Californians to make history and now we hope to become part of history in Sacramento. By engaging candidates and voters in a political discussion, I am confident this forum will remain a local tradition for generations to come. After all, this is the mayor of the capital of the eighth-largest economy in the world."

About The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts

The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, home to the California Hall of Fame, is a non-profit, historical and cultural institution dedicated to telling the rich history of California and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. The Museum seeks to engage, educate and enlighten a broad public audience about California's history through exhibits and programs incorporating the experiences of women and other underrepresented groups. The California Museum inspires men, women and children to dream the California dream and to dare to make their mark on history. The California Museum is located at 1020 O Street in Sacramento. For more information about the Museum, visit www.californiamuseum.org.

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