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MONTEREY COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT HOLDS SEMINAR FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING OFFICE AT THE JUNE 2010 CONSOLIDATED STATEWIDE PRIMARY

Salinas, CA – The Monterey County Elections Department would like to encourage anyone interested in running for offices set to appear on the ballot this June to learn about the procedure for running for elective offices by attending the Department's candidate informational seminar, "Decide and Declare!" This seminar was developed in an effort to offer potential candidates helpful information about the process for declaring candidacy.

Where & When: Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 6:00 pm
Monterey County Elections Department
1370 B South Main Street
Salinas (located in the Nob Hill plaza, corner of Blanco and S. Main)

This evening seminar is not exclusively for the candidates - bring your family, friends or campaign staff to help you gather forms and due dates, learn about the rules that all candidates must follow, and have the chance to ask questions and learn from the discussions held. Topics to be covered include: types of offices and filing requirements, what is a ballot designation, proper formatting of and counting words in candidate statements, how the order of names on the ballot is determined, and a *brief* introduction of decisions to be made about campaigns such as having a campaign committee, registering voters and tracking vote by mail voters. A representative from the League of Women Voters will be available to discuss how *SmartVoter*, a non-partisan website of the League, may assist your campaign.

Please let us know if you are coming, and RSVP with the following information: Your name, the office you are seeking, and the number of attendees in your party. You may RSVP by sending an email directly to ormans@co.monterey.ca.us or by calling 831-796-1499, or sending a fax to 831-755-5485. We look forward to seeing you at the seminar! A list of public offices available this June follows.

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