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**San José's Almaden Library to Host  
CaliforniaSpeaks Webcast  
a Viewing & Discussion on Health Care Reform**

*Join Thousands of Californians in Making Your Voice Heard*

SAN JOSE, CA — San José's Almaden Library and Community Center will host a California Speaks Webcast, a viewing and related discussion on health care reform in the Program Room on **Saturday, August 11** from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at 6445 Camden Avenue in south San José. The event is being held at 8 satellite-linked regional sites dispersed throughout the state. Local residents will view the webcast on health care reform, hold their own discussions and contribute their views to the statewide discussion.

The CaliforniaSpeaks forum, which blends state-of-the-art technology with face-to-face, small-group dialogue, will involve the following regions: San Diego County, Humboldt County, Fresno County, Los Angeles County, Sacramento County, San Luis Obispo County, Alameda-San Francisco Counties and Riverside-San Bernardino Counties. Data from participants who contributed via the website would be summarized and presented to political leadership in addition to the data from the main satellite meetings.

California Speaks offers a unique opportunity for broad-based participation in the debate on health care reform. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Assembly Speaker

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Fabian Nuñez, Senate President pro Tem Don Perata, Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines and other Republican and Democratic legislators will be involved.

During the meetings (both regional and local), attendees will focus their attention on the current health proposals that will be debated in the Californian Legislature before it adjourns in September. Participants will be asked to discuss and share their perspectives on these proposals, and a summary of the recommendations made by the participants will then be presented directly to the governor and the legislature for their consideration.

"Health care is a crucial issue for all Californians," said Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer, Ph.D., president and founder of AmericaSpeaks. "Now that the reform proposals are about to be debated, CaliforniaSpeaks offers the people of this state a unique way to talk about the issue with their neighbors and give lawmakers their direct feedback."

CaliforniaSpeaks is made possible by grants from The California Endowment, Blue Shield of California Foundation and The California Wellness Foundation. The project is being organized by AmericaSpeaks, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with the mission of providing Americans with a greater voice in the decisions that affect their lives. See [www.californiaspeaks.org](http://www.californiaspeaks.org) for more details.

**San José Public Library**

San José Public Library system (SJPL) is the largest public library system between San Francisco and Los Angeles on California's Central Coast, serving a culturally diverse population of 954,000 in the nation's 10th largest city. Recipient of the prestigious national Library of the Year award, SJPL is recognized across the country for its innovation and leadership in the field and is one of the busiest libraries nationwide, with an annual checkout rate of more than 14 million items.

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