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Democrats Sponsor “Candidate Recruitfest” on September 13, 2009 at the Rancho San Diego Library

**Elective office and candidate training opportunities to be described --
Learn how you can serve your community as an elected official**

Elected VIPs will tell their story.

EL CAJON, CA (Aug 28, 2009) – The second seasonal “Candidate Recruitfest” will be held at the Rancho San Diego Library on September 13, 2009, to find capable Democrats interested in exploring opportunities for public office in a workshop format.

Who's invited: Democrats who are interested in serving the community themselves or if they know of a friend who may be interested, or even those who are just knowledgeable about local politics.

Special Guest Mary Kay Rosinski, who was recently elected to the Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College Board of Directors will describe her successful experience running for office. Other VIPs will be announced prior to the meeting.

People are surprised to hear that many seats throughout the region are unchallenged at each election, likely defaulting to the incumbent who is frequently the last appointee – almost always an insider who has been groomed to give out contract candy to their business buddies. This is no way to run a democracy! Ideally, every seat should be challenged at every election so that important issues will be discussed during the campaign. Those seats should not default to appointees or to career incumbents.

Attendees need not have a seat in mind, we'll help prospects find a race to enter. If you decide to throw your hat into the ring, we provide free campaign training for candidates and support from the party. There is nothing better on a resume but a line stating service to the community as an elected official!

Indeed, we are looking for qualified Democrats who wish to run. If you are in the wrong party or a Decline-to-State (nonpartisan), we will have voter registration forms on hand so you can register as a

Democrat. Even if you don't want to run for a seat, we need people to attend public meetings in our Citizens' Oversight program, or to help other candidates in their campaigns. The area of interest to this meeting is primarily East San Diego County, but regardless of where you live, please attend and we'll find a place for you!

"If you are proud to live in our democracy, you should consider running for elective office," Linda Armacost said, president of the La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club. "If you've been to some governmental meetings, you will no doubt conclude that we could use better leadership, and that is what we're looking for in our community, and we'll help you get started. We have free candidate training and a volunteer pool to help you with your campaign."

Raymond Lutz, president of the East County Democratic Club and Chair of the 77th Assembly District Caucus of the California State Democratic Party said, "Recently, East San Diego County has been tipped to the red side of the ledger, but historically, it has been a blue area, and El Cajon is now only about 2,000 votes from becoming a blue city. La Mesa just turned blue, with over 1,100 more Democrats than Republicans, and with the momentum of President Obama, we anticipate that our East County will return to its blue roots very soon. Now is the time to consider running as a progressive candidate in the East County!"

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WHEN: Sunday, Sep 13, 2009 1:30 pm
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