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NEWS RELEASE:

Televised Roundtables for Local Election Preview Now Available Online 24/7 and "On the Air"

(Martinez, CA) – "Lights. Camera. Action!" Contra Costa voters can now see and hear where local candidates stand on important issues through televised roundtable discussions and forums. Local "Election Preview" offers Contra Costa voters a chance to be educated on candidates and issues before casting their ballots.

Contra Costa County Elections Division partners with the County's Contra Costa Television (CCTV), the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley, the League of Women Voters of West Contra Costa and the Contra Costa County Library to provide candidate forum programming for Fall Elections 2018. **"Election Preview" shows begin airing today, October 1, 2018** on TV and online.

"We're happy to provide this incredible resource that gives voters the opportunity to educate themselves about important issues," Contra Costa Registrar of Voters Joe Canciamilla said. "Decisions made at the local level have the greatest impact on our daily lives, and without this program, voters likely might not have any other chance to see and hear from these candidates."

"With the support of the Board of Supervisors, election preview shows on Contra Costa Television continue to be a priority," said Susan Shiu, Director of the County's Office of Communications and Media, which oversees CCTV. "We've been airing voter education shows since 1996. Now through television and social media channels, voters can have more access to information ahead of the November 6th election."

This year's production featured well-known journalists as moderators, including KCBS radio reporters Bob Butler and Doug Sovern, ABC7 News reporter Laura Anthony, KTVU reporters Alex Savidge and Claudine Wong, and former ABC7 News reporter Alan Wang who is a public information officer for Contra Costa County's Employment and Human Services Department.

As part of the Election Preview partnership, the Contra Costa County Library is hosting Candidate Forums at local libraries that will be streamed live on its Facebook page. For a list of upcoming public forums, go to: <https://ccclib.org/pressroom/pressreleases/2018/CandidateForums.jpg>

A total of 39 local races and ballot measures will be available for viewing on Contra Costa Television broadcast channels leading up to Election Day. “Election Preview” roundtables and forums can be seen 24/7 on the *Contra Costa Television* channel on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD1z6XC8_fqZXP3Hayl-kQA.

More information about “Election Preview” in Contra Costa County is available on the Elections Division website at www.cocovote.us and the County’s website at www.contracosta.ca.gov.

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