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## MEDIA ADVISORY

- WHAT:** Immigration – Learning the Basics
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 29, 2017 10AM-12PM
- WHERE:** Health Plan of San Joaquin, 7751 S. Manthey Rd., French Camp, adjacent to the San Joaquin General Hospital
- WHO:** League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County
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- SUMMARY:** The League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County will be presenting the first in a series of education programs on immigration. The first program “*Immigration – Learning the Basics*” will provide an overview of the U.S. immigration process for obtaining visas, permanent resident cards, citizenship and asylum.
- The program will outline the history of the immigration system, the purpose, timeline and costs related to obtaining legal documents for individuals and families who want to pursue a legal path to stay in the United States. While the League strives to bring quality education to the public on various topics, including U.S. immigration, no actual immigration services will be provided or performed at this event.
- Presenters will include Valasay Chang from the Sacramento office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Services), and Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton Immigration Services Program Director, Robin Aronna.
- WHY:** The United States is a nation of immigrants, and the League of Women Voters has a long history of encouraging their participation in American society. Immigrants have helped weave the fabric and identity of our nation, and we believe that it is critical for the U.S. to encourage their participation in our democracy. The mission of the League of Women Voters is to encourage voter registration as well as educate the public about major public policy issues.
- ABOUT:** The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles.
- Voters Service/Citizen Education: we present unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues.
  - Action/Advocacy: we are also nonpartisan, but, after study, we use our positions to advocate for or against particular policies in the public interest.