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## AMERICAN LEADERSHIP FORUM-SILICON VALLEY HOSTS TOWN HALL MEETING ON CALIFORNIA REFORM

September 15, 2009 Santa Clara, Calif. – American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley (ALF) will host a non-traditional Town Hall Meeting, “Realizing the California Dream” on Wednesday, September 23 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at San Jose City Hall Rotunda.

There are no formal speakers and all participants will take part in small group discussions. Community members – from students to public officials to nonprofit and business leaders – will gather to discuss currently proposed reforms.

ALF Senior Fellows on hand to participate in the conversation include: **Rick Callender**, past president of the San Jose / Silicon Valley NAACP; **Nora Campos**, San Jose City Councilmember; **Jim Cunneen**, California Strategies Partner; **Joe Simitian**, California State Senator and **Larry Stone**, Santa Clara County Assessor.

“We believe that broad-based involvement is crucial to the reform process,” said **Chris Block**, ALF CEO. “Every Californian’s life will be affected by the decisions made in the next 18 months and people are hungry to be part of the conversation.”

The Realizing the California Dream Town Hall Meeting is a Common Good Collaborative event in partnership with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network. Additional partners for this event include AACI (Asian Americans for Community Involvement), Generation Engage, PACT (People Working in Community Together), the San Jose / Silicon Valley NAACP, San Jose State University and SVCN (Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits).

There is no cost to attend the Town Hall, but registration is required. San Jose City Hall Rotunda is located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street in downtown San Jose. To register, go to [www.alfsv.org](http://www.alfsv.org), email [alfsv@alfsv.org](mailto:alfsv@alfsv.org) or call 408-554-2000.

### **About American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley**

American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley (ALF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to building a better Silicon Valley community by joining and strengthening leaders to serve the common good. ALF-SV was founded in 1988 to create a regional network of diverse senior-level leaders across private, public and nonprofit sectors. Graduates of the organization’s one-year Fellows program, now numbering more than 400, have created a network that brings together a broad cross-section of leaders committed to building a stronger community, using collaborative leadership skills to identify and deal with complex regional issues, and creating opportunities to work together in ways that make a significant difference to Silicon Valley.

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