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**CITIZEN VOICE ADDS UNEDITED INTERVIEW WITH
GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER**

*Non-Profit Offers Nonpartisan Interviews and Summaries, Providing Insight to
November Ballot Candidates and Propositions*

(October 31, 2006 – Sacramento, CA) – With one week to go before the 2006 General Election, Citizen Voice.org, a dynamic new nonpartisan movement that involves citizens in the public arena, has added an unedited interview with **Governor Schwarzenegger**, completing the full list of interviews with California's statewide election candidates. CitizenVoice.org is one of the only places for voters to access an interview with the Governor that addresses specific issues of concern to Californians in the upcoming election.

Respected political experts are in favor of Citizen Voice's efforts. "At a time when voter trust is at an all time low, it is imperative that we provide information that is both non-partisan and factual," explained **Barbara O'Connor, Director of the Institute for the Study of Politics and Media, at California State University, Sacramento**. "I am delighted to add a new source to that very short list."

"Deliberative democracy requires an informed electorate. But in California, citizens often have a tough time learning about candidates and issues. In some cases, there's an information desert. In others, there's an information deluge," explained **John J. Pitney, Jr., Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics at Claremont McKenna College**. "Citizen Voice helps voters find the information that they need in a concise and usable format."

Citizen Voice is responding to voters' need for a fresh type of help in making sense of California's 2006 statewide election with a groundbreaking project never before undertaken in California. The heart of the project includes unscripted, unedited, on-demand audio interviews with every major candidate for statewide office, in addition to both sides of every statewide ballot measure. This ambitious, unprecedented effort involves over 40 interviews that bring voters up close and personal with the candidates and ballot measure advocates themselves – no filtering from political handlers, no canned commercials.

Interviews with candidates on www.citizenvoice.org include:

Governor: Arnold Schwarzenegger and Phil Angelides

Lieutenant Governor: John Garamendi and Tom McClintock

U.S. Senate: Diane Feinstein and Richard Mountjoy

Secretary of State: Bruce McPherson and Debra Bowen

Controller: John Chiang and Tony Strickland

Treasurer: Bill Lockyer and Claude Parrish

Insurance Commissioner: Cruz Bustamante and Steve Poizner
Attorney General: Jerry Brown and Chuck Pochigian

Interviews and nonpartisan descriptions of ballot measures will include: 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 as well as Sacramento region Measures Q & R (a pair of very controversial measures dealing with a new arena for the Sacramento Kings.)

If you would like to schedule an interview with Citizen Voice President Gary Dietrich about this project, please call Heather Atherton at 916/316-4568.

Also, please take advantage of the opportunity to link www.citizenvoice.org to your web site free of charge as part of your efforts to assist California's voters. Feel free to cut and paste the logo at the top of this page to use as a link.

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