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MEDIA ADVISORY: Congresswoman Lois Capps to Speak at California Central Coast Tax Coalition Press Conference Jan. 12 at Cal Poly

TO: News Editors, Assignment Editors and News Directors

WHAT: California Central Coast Tax Coalition Press Conference, featuring remarks by Congresswoman Lois Capps

WHEN: 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012

WHERE: Performing Arts Center Pavilion

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MORE INFORMATION: Congresswoman Lois Capps will speak at a press conference Thursday for the California Central Coast Tax Coalition, aimed at better informing the Central Coast community about the coalition's free tax education, tax controversy representation, and tax return preparation services for low-income and elderly clients.

The coalition grew from Cal Poly's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC), which provides free education and outreach services to individuals who speak English as a second language. The year-round clinic also provides free representation to low-income taxpayers involved in a variety of federal and state tax controversies. Cal Poly's LITC is the only clinic on the California coast between Los Angeles and Santa Clara.

The coalition's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs, including Cal Poly, the AARP, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County, and Allan Hancock College, provide tax return preparation services for low-income and elderly taxpayers on the Central Coast. Neither the LITC nor VITA programs are part of the Internal Revenue Service.

The seeds of the California Central Coast Tax Coalition were planted when Dave Christy, dean of the Orfalea College of Business, directed staff to notify local non-governmental organizations of the clinic's activities, thus creating a referral network.

The coalition's membership meets periodically to discuss ways to improve outreach and deliver best practices to clients. Coalition partners include the AARP; California Rural Legal Assistance; Cal Poly Low Income Taxpayer Clinic; Cal Poly VITA; Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County; Goodwill and Shoreline; former Santa Maria City Councilwoman Hilda Zacarias, MPA & Associates; Housing Authority of the City of Paso Robles; IRS Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communications; IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service; Mission Community Bank; San Luis Obispo County Library; United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County; and United Way of San Luis Obispo County.

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