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Lt. Governor's 'Listening Tour' arrives in San Luis Obispo

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Lt. Governor John Garamendi will be at Cal Poly Tuesday, July 17, as part of his "Listening Tour" of California.

Garamendi will hold a public forum at 10:30 a.m. in the Pavilion of the Christopher Cohan Center on campus. The focus of the forum is to find new ideas on workforce development. Part of the forum will include a panel discussion with local speakers including:

- Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker
- Julian Crocker, San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools
- Phil Bailey, Dean, Cal Poly College of Science & Mathematics
- José Ortiz, President, Allan Hancock College
- Ed Maduli, Interim President, Cuesta College
- San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce President Dave Garth
- Diablo Canyon Power Plant Vice President James Becker
- Kristen Yetter, President, Promega Biosciences
- Brandon Souza, President, Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc.
- Diana Barnhart, Los Osos Middle School Science Teacher
- and Jaime Cuello, a Fourth Grade Teacher at Mary Buren Elementary School in Guadalupe.

This is the seventh stop on Garamendi's "Listening Tour," begun after he took office in January.

Determining the unique needs of each California State University campus and its respective community is a little hard to do from behind a desk at the State Capitol. Nothing beats meeting people directly. That's why Lt. Governor John Garamendi is taking a hands-on approach toward shaping higher education policy in Sacramento.

As part of what has been dubbed the "CSU Listening Tour," Garamendi is traveling the state and meeting with local business representatives, CSU faculty members, community leaders and students on each campus. The next leg of his voyage lands the Lt. Governor at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on July 17th.

"Reading reports and meeting with lobbyists is one thing, but actually visiting each school in person has given me a unique perspective," said the Lt. Governor during a recent tour trip in Pomona. "You tend to get a better idea of the challenges facing each college community if you sit down and listen to the people who live, work and go to school in these areas."

Traveling from Fresno to Bakersfield, and Hayward to Los Angeles with stops in between, the Lt. Governor has been busy listening to the needs of CSU campuses and their surrounding communities. Garamendi plans to visit all 23 CSU campuses by the summer of 2008.

Rated as the best public regional university in the United States, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo offers the Lt. Governor a great opportunity to visit a well-established university, which graduates over 4,200 students per year. This

particular tour stop will focus on the fields of engineering, computer science, mathematics and agricultural science.

For more information about the "Listening Tour" event, please contact the Lt. Governor's office at (916) 445-8994 or visit www.ltg.ca.gov.

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