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North Bay Families Town Hall Meeting This Saturday

More than 100 families are gathering at the North Bay Town Hall Meeting of the Equal Voice for America's Families Campaign this Saturday, April 26, from 1 to 4 pm at the Pickleweed Park Community Center – 50 Canal St. San Rafael.

The event is part of more than 40 town hall meetings being held across the country as part of the Equal Voice for America's Families Campaign - a yearlong effort to create and build support for a national agenda of family issues by involving 10,000 families in defining and addressing the public issues facing them.

Through the development of a national platform of issues of concern to families, the Campaign seeks to spark a national dialogue about the policies and attitudes that negatively impact families. The Campaign will culminate in a multicity convention on September 6, 2008, when approximately 10,000 families will gather in Los Angeles, CA, Chicago, IL and Birmingham, AL, to unveil the national platform.

Local elected officials and their representatives will participate in the event including Assemblyman Jarred Huffman, County of Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey, County of Marin Supervisor Harold Brown, City of San Rafael Councilwoman Barbara Heller, and City of San Rafael Councilmen Greg Brockbank, Damon Connolly and Cyr Miller.

Organizations throughout North Bay are supporting the campaign including Childhood Matters/Nuestros Ninos, Novato Youth Center, Marin Link, Marin Child Care Commission, First 5 Marin, Canal Alliance, Marin School-Linked Services Initiative, Marin Asian Advocacy Project, Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, Marin City Network, Next Generation of Scholars, ISOJI, Canal Welcome Center, Canal Youth and Family Council, Latino Council of Marin, Concilio Comunitario del Canal,

Marin City Fatherhood Program, Tenants Voice Council, Women Helping All People, Joy of Learning Centers, Marin Family Action, Homeward Bound of Marin, Dynamic Solutions for Youth, and META Children Integrative Healthcare Solutions.

The Grassroots Leadership Network of Marin, Parent Services Project, and Parent Voices of Marin Childcare Council are co-hosting the North Bay Families Town Hall Meeting.

Childcare, refreshments, door prizes and translation to Spanish and Vietnamese will be provided at the event. For more information about the North Bay Town Hall, please visit www.maringrassroots.org/equalvoice or call (415) 451-4350 x 303

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Grassroots Leadership Network of Marin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting grassroots leadership and promoting civic participation to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in local underrepresented communities. For more information visit www.maringrassroots.org or call (415) 451-4350

Parent Services Project is a nonprofit organization strengthening families to provide for and take leadership in assuring the well being of children, families, and communities. For more information visit www.parentservices.org or call (415) 454.1870

Parent Voices of Marin Childcare Council is a parent-led grassroots organization fighting to make quality child care affordable and accessible to all families. For more information, visit <http://www.parentvoices.org> or call (415) 491-5776

Marguerite Casey Foundation is a private independent grantmaking foundation dedicated to helping families strengthen their voice and mobilize their communities. For more information, visit: <http://www.caseygrants.org> or call 1.866.634.2752