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GOP PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: EXPERT PANEL
Leading Pollsters and Political Editors Discuss CA's Impact on 2012 Presidential Race

RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION & LIBRARY:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 11:00 AM

WHO: Welcome: John Heubusch, Executive Director, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Jack Knott, Dean of the USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development

Panelists:
- Charlie Mahtesian, National Politics Editor, POLITICO, Moderator
- Mark DiCamillo, Director, CA Field Poll
- Maggie Haberman, Senior Political Reporter, POLITICO
- Mark Murray, Deputy Political Director, NBC News
- Dan Schnur, Director, USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll
- Jim VandeHei, Executive Editor, POLITICO

WHAT: "California and the 2012 Campaign: A Conversation About State Politics and the Presidential Race"

In advance of the September 7 Reagan Centennial GOP Candidates Debate at the Reagan Presidential Foundation & Library, POLITICO's National Politics Editor Charles Mahtesian, will moderate a conversation with Mark DiCamillo, Director of the California Field Poll; Mark Murray, Deputy Political Director of NBC News; Dan Schnur, Director of the USC Dornsife/LA Times poll and Director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at USC; and Jim VandeHei, POLITICO's Executive Editor, live from the Spin Room of the Reagan Centennial GOP Candidates Debate.

Discussion will encompass state and national politics, including USC Dornsife/LA Times Poll results & Field surveys, and California's impact on the 2012 Presidential race.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 7 at 11:00 AM

WHERE: Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Library, Spin Room
40 Presidential Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93065
TO ATTEND: If you would like to cover the event, you must apply for a credential with Melissa Giller at mgiller@reaganfoundation.org. Only properly credentialed media will be admitted to the event. Media parking is available in the West Lot and shuttles will be provided to and from the event.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the event, please contact Melissa Giller, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, at mgiller@reaganfoundation.org or Beth Lester, POLITICO, at blester@POLITICO.com. The credential deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2.

If you are unable to attend, you can follow the event live at www.POLITICO.com/livestream.

MORE: For more information about the USC Dornsife/LA Times Poll, contact Dan Schnur at (213) 740-8964 or visit the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Poll website at http://dornsife.usc.edu/poll.

ALSO: The Unruh Institute of Politics at USC will host a viewing party of the GOP Presidential debate at the USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism, East Lobby. Refreshments will be served beginning at 4:30 p.m., debate starts at 5 p.m., with discussion to follow. To RSVP for the viewing party or for media parking at USC, contact Suzanne Wu at suzanne.wu@usc.edu.

A map of USC University Park campus is available here: http://web-app.usc.edu/maps/.

About the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences/Los Angeles Times Poll
The USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll is a series of statewide public opinion polls in California, designed to survey voter attitudes on a wide range of political, policy, social and cultural issues.

Conducted at regular intervals throughout the year, the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll is one of the largest polls of registered voters in the state and has been widely cited, helping to inform the public and to encourage discourse on key political and policy issues.

About the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation
The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Ronald Reagan's legacy of inspired freedom and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, California the Library houses 63 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America’s 40th President.

About POLITICO
POLITICO is a Washington, D.C.-based political journalism organization that serves as the one-stop shop for the fastest, most in-depth coverage of the president, the new Congress and the 2012 presidential race. POLITICO’s journalists break news and drive conversation about the White House, Capitol Hill and Washington lobbying, plus the intersection of politics with Wall Street, media and personalities. POLITICO launched in January of 2007 with the mission of covering politics with enterprise, style and impact.

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