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Dear Keep Sedona Beautiful Members and Friends,

Election season is upon us and it's important to remind everyone that Keep Sedona Beautiful is a 501(c)3 and we do not endorse candidates or take action to influence election outcomes. As part of our education and advocacy programs we host forums for candidates so that the public may hear the platforms and positions directly from candidates and so that the public may ask questions of candidates.

With that in mind there are two important happenings this week -- on Tuesday and Thursday. Let's start with Thursday.... and work backwards....

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 7, 6:30-9PM
Congressional District 1 Candidate Forum
Keep Sedona Beautiful Headquarters, 360 Brewer Rd, Sedona

The only public forum taking place in Sedona is your opportunity to hear from the Republican and Democrat candidates for Congressman Renzi's seat in the House of Representatives. There are 10 invited candidates:

Democrats: Ann Kirkpatrick, Mary Kim Titla, Jeffrey Brown, Howard Shanker,

Republicans: Preston Korn, Sydney Hay, Tom Hansen, Sandra Livingstone, Barry Hall

Independent: Brent Maupin

The candidates will have an opportunity to present their individual platforms, followed by an extensive live and written question and answer period, and closing remarks. The forum is an opportunity for residents and business leaders to hear the platforms and priorities of the candidates and to question them on issues of importance to Sedona and Verde Valley residents and businesses.

The elected representative has the power to introduce the legislation to designate the Sedona Red Rock National Scenic Area to permanently protect 160,000 acres of National Forest lands from land trades and private development. So come hear their perspectives on this and other issues of importance to us locally, nationally and internationally.

Keep Sedona Beautiful invites all members of the general public to attend. The meeting will take place at Keep Sedona Beautiful headquarters, the historic Pushmataha Center, 360 Brewer Road in Sedona. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the forum, contact Keep Sedona Beautiful at 282-4938 or ksb@esedona.net.

On Tuesday, The Sedona International Film Festival is inviting everyone to a special screening.
See Film Festival Executive Director Patrick Schweiss' note below:

I'd like to invite you all to a very special screening of a timely and important film we are presenting Tuesday night (August 5th), "Considering Democracy: Eight Things to Ask Your Representative". We are screening it at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Harkins Theatres on Tuesday here in Sedona. We've flown in the filmmaker, Keya Horiuchi, who will lead a thought-provoking Q&A after the screenings . . . This film will be especially interesting and insightful to all of those people who are interested in politics. And this being an election year, the timing is perfect! It promises to be a great night of cinema, politics and discussion. I hope you and all of your members will join us. Thank you for your help in spreading the word!

*"Considering Democracy" makes Arizona premiere in Best of Fest
Film festival hosts important, timely political documentary on Aug. 5; director to attend*

The Sedona International Film Festival is proud to present the Arizona premiere of the award-winning documentary feature "Considering Democracy: 8 Things to Ask Your Representative" as part of its "Best of Fest" film series. There will be two screenings of the film at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 5 at Harkins Sedona Six Theatres.

The film's director, Keya Lea Horiuchi, will be in Sedona to host the movie and present a Q&A discussion following the screenings.

"This is a call to get involved. At this critical time in U.S. history, just before an important Presidential and Congressional election in November, 2008, this movie can be a stimulus to dialogue," said Jane Ginn, member of the festival's film selection committee.

While the U.S. is the most flaunted democracy in the world, how do we compare with, and what does the rest of the world think of U.S. foreign and domestic policy? Americans are continually told through their media that freedom and democracy are being given to people abroad, but is it true? This documentary takes a look.

Ever since Alexis DeTocqueville traveled across the U.S. in the early 1800s to chronicle democracy in America our great experiment in governance has been a source of wonder and envy among citizens of other nations. The pragmatism, optimism and hope that is so much a part of our national character was forged through the assimilation of multiple cultures and nurtured through our westward expansion. DeTocqueville caught the crest of that wave of expansion and through, his book Democracy in America, stimulated decades of intellectual discourse on the meaning of democracy to nations around the world.

Keya Lea Horiuchi, in a more modern rendition of this experiment, turns the perspective on its head. In her 2008 film Considering Democracy: 8 Things to Ask Your Representative, she reverses the perspective. To accomplish this she traveled the world for 5 months video-documenting a sampling of man- or woman-on-the-street impressions of America; thereby looking in from the outside. In the course of making this film she traveled to Australia, Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Indonesia, India, Japan, Nepal and Thailand.

What is so stimulating about her treatment of the material is her grouping of these impressions into thematic elements.

Through her line of questioning she covers such disparate topics as healthcare, foreign policy, foreign aid, media, campaign finance, lobbying and legislation, and working hours for labor. The material is edited into crisp and sometimes disarming arrays of widely disparate views. Importantly, she points out some of the current trends in a manner that helps the viewer reflect on these patterns, and their own role or place within that framework.

She then uses these themes and the compiled data to formulate questions viewers can pose to their own U.S. Congressional representatives. By doing this she artfully moves the subject matter from a strictly entertainment or educational arena into a framework for dialogue and action. The web of topics that she covers provides ample interest to citizens of many different persuasions for getting involved and making their voice heard and their vote

count.

Horiuchi will be in Sedona to conduct a Q&A discussion following both screenings. Once a schoolteacher previously working on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico and Montrose, CO, Horiuchi got caught up in documentary films. Her first film, "Red Tibet, Free Tibet," went on to critical and audience acclaim in film festivals all across the U.S. and Canada. She is having the same good fortune with "Considering Democracy" which is on a multi-city tour leading up to the November elections.

The film will be shown at Harkins Sedona Six Theatres on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10, or \$8 for Film Sedona members, and will be available starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Harkins lobby. Cash or checks only. Seats are limited. Film Sedona members can purchase tickets in advance at the Sedona International Film Festival office, 1785 W. Hwy. 89A, Suite 2B, or by calling 282-1177. For more information, visit: www.SedonaFilmFestival.com.



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