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***A Rae Dorough Speaker Series online presentation:***

**FORMER CLINTON DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF MARIA ECHAVESTE TO DISCUSS INCOME INEQUALITY,  
HOW IT CAN BE ADDRESSED AND WHERE THE COUNTRY IS HEADED**

Maria Echaveste, president and CEO of the Opportunity Institute and a senior advisor in the Clinton administration, will discuss social and economic inequality and her work to address these issues. Entitled "Opportunity and Democracy: A Latina's Perspective", this Rae Dorough Speaker Series presentation will livestream at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29.

RDSS is requesting a \$10 donation to participate in the livestream Zoom presentation featuring Echaveste. To sign up, contact the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore by calling (925)-373-6800, or emailing [boxoffice@lvpac.org](mailto:boxoffice@lvpac.org).

Echaveste will explain how the interrelationship of social and economic mobility, educational opportunity, health care and immigration affect the Latino and Black communities. She will interweave her remarkable life journey from a child growing up in a farmworker family in Fresno and Ventura counties to Stanford University, UC Berkeley Law School and the Clinton White House as Deputy Chief of Staff. Speaking just three days before the November 3rd election, Echaveste will share her view of what's at stake.

Echaveste has been affiliated with UC Berkeley in various capacities since 2004 including: lecturing at the School of Law and in the undergraduate division on immigration and education; as a Senior Fellow at UC Berkeley's Center for Latin American Studies since 2008; and with the Berkeley Food Institute, focused on transforming our nation's food system.

Currently, Echaveste serves on the board of directors of UCSF-Benioff Oakland Children's Hospital; Cadiz, Inc. (a publicly held natural resources company); Mi Familia Vota, and Level Playing Field Institute. Echaveste received a B.A. in anthropology from Stanford University in 1976, and a J.D. from U.C. Berkeley in 1980.

The livestream discussion will be moderated and participants will be given the opportunity to submit questions. Special sponsors for this event are Lynn and Joan Seppala.

The speaker series, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> season, honors the late Rae Dorough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events. Members of her family and friends were the initiating sponsors in 2008. The series features provocative, entertaining and enlightening presentations on a wide variety of topics. Past speakers have included engineers, scientists, fiction and non-fiction writers and historians, entrepreneurs, comedians and entertainers, diplomats, astronauts, journalists, and even a former secretary of defense.

The Rae Dorough Speaker Series partners with the Livermore Valley Unified School District and Las Positas College to make presentations easily accessible to students and teachers. The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, Sandia National Laboratories, Tri-Valley Conservancy, the Alameda County Arts Commission, Towne Center Books and ImageSetters. Additionally, individual and corporate supporters help sponsor specific presentations.

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