

UCSD to hold town meeting Nov. 7 on Proposition 187 in Robinson Auditorium

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A town meeting will be held Nov. 7 on the campus of the University of California, San Diego, to present the pros and cons of Proposition 187. The town meeting, which is free and open to members of the public, will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS).

The town meeting will include a pro and con discussion, moderated by Peter Smith, director of UCSD's Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS). The panelists who will present positive arguments for Proposition 187 include: Richard Halvorson, a member of the Border Solution Task Force; and Jay Sullivan, a professor of economics at U.S. International University. Panelists Wayne Cornelius, director of UCSD's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, and Colleen Morton, vice president of the UCSD-based Institute of the Americas, will present arguments against the proposition.

The town meeting is being sponsored by CILAS, the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, IR/PS, the Institute of the Americas, and Eleanor Roosevelt College at UCSD.

Proposition 187, also known as the "Save Our State" initiative, will be considered by California voters on Nov. 8. If passed, it would deny educational and health care benefits to illegal immigrants. Perhaps the most controversial ballot measure before the voters this year, "SOS" has fueled a growing anti-immigrant sentiment among many Californians, reflecting the perception that the dramatic increase in immigration over the last several years is related to a decline in the state's financial resources and overall quality of life. Opponents of the measure have argued that "SOS" is racist and inhumane, and would actually require an increase in government services for monitoring and policing purposes.

For more information or to make reservations for the town meeting, please call (619) 534-1465.

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