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## **State Sen. Jackie Speier to Address UCSB Gender Equity Forum**

Concerned that University of California campuses might be failing to hire and retain sufficient numbers of women faculty, State Sen. Jackie Speier requested in the fall of 2000 an audit of UC hiring practices and set up legislative hearings to investigate gender equity within the university.

Findings of the audit and the hearings convinced Speier, D-San Mateo, that UC hiring of women faculty had dropped dramatically after the 1996 passage of Prop. 209, the anti-affirmative action initiative, and that something needed to be done about it.

Speier will give an update of what has been done at a forum to be held from 1:30 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 in Corwin Pavilion at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

A series of reports and discussions organized by the UCSB Senior Women's Council will also be presented.

The forum is free and the public is invited.

Reports and panel discussions will cover gender equity issues at UCSB, status of gender equity and faculty diversity programs, salary equity analysis, leadership, family accommodations and hiring in various disciplines.

The forum is sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and the Senior Women's Council.

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