



## The Maddy Institute to Host TV Debates on KSEE 24

On Friday, May 26 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., The Maddy Institute, together with KSEE 24, NBC's Fresno affiliate, will air two debates, one involving the two candidates for the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and one involving the five announced candidates for Fresno County Sheriff.



The primary election will be held 11 days later, on June 6.

Joining Mark Keppler, Executive Director of the Maddy Institute in questioning the candidates will be Pete Weber, Chair of the Fresno Citizens for Good Government and Mary Savala from the League of Women Voters. Rich Rodriguez, KSEE 24 News Anchor, will moderate the debate.

Don Jackson, the Chair of The Maddy Institute, stated that "one of goals of the Maddy Institute is to encourage participation in the democratic process. Knowing the candidates positions increases interest and encourages voting. We are grateful to Channel 24 for providing these candidates the opportunity to make their positions known."



Todd McWilliams, General Manager for KSEE 24 stated that "As Central Valley's news station, our belief is that we need to inform and educate the community on these key political races. This comprehensive debate will enable viewers to make sound decisions on June 6." Michael Espinoza, News Director at KSEE 24 noted that "Instead of hearing a sound bite at a time, viewers will be able to view a program that gets to the real issues of a local political race."