Sac State to present forum reviewing ballot initiatives

California voters face a number of statewide initiatives this November that could have a direct impact on them in several areas, including new requirements for health, auto and home insurance providers; a $7.5 billion water bond; and required random drug testing of physicians.

To help voters navigate the proposals, Sacramento State’s Project for an Informed Electorate, or PIE (www.csus.edu/ssid/pie/), will host a review of the initiatives, explained by the Legislative Analyst’s Office analysts who wrote the state’s official ballot pamphlet language.

The forum is at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the Tsakopoulos Galleria of the Sacramento Public Library on I Street, and will include refreshments.

Presenters will go through each initiative with explanations from the Legislative Analyst’s Office expert. PIE then will provide more information on the measures’ endorsements and campaign financing.

The free event is open to the public. “Bring your ballot pamphlet, your friends and family,” says Sacramento State professor and PIE Director Kimberly Nalder. “We encourage participants to ask questions so they may feel confident about being informed voters.”

The Project for an Informed Electorate mission is to foster a greater understanding of politics and government by identifying, creating and disseminating accurate, open and nonpartisan information.

Co-sponsors of the event include the Sacramento Public Library and Sacramento State’s Center for California Studies.

For more information on PIE, visit the website or call Nalder at (916) 278-6693. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156. – Craig Koscho