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FIRST LADY MARIA SHRIVER TO VISIT EL CAMINO COLLEGE COMPTON CENTER

Free income tax preparation for families making under \$40,000 will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 during the Maria Shriver EITC Initiative and Resource Fair at El Camino College Compton Center, 1111 E. Artesia Blvd. in Compton.

Volunteers from Broad Spectrum CDC, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Community Legal Services, and the IRS will be on site to provide the FREE tax preparation.

The community is welcome to join First Lady Maria Shriver as she visits Compton Center as part of her statewide initiative to encourage eligible families to claim the valuable but underused Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The first lady is scheduled to arrive at noon to meet with working families who are applying for the EITC.

The visit from Maria Shriver coincides with the El Camino College Compton Center Open House and Career Fair where participants will have the opportunity to view company presentations, meet with potential employers, and participate in on-site interviews. More than 100 employers will be participating in the Compton center gym.

In addition, more than 30 community service providers will showcase services that help families move on the path to self-sufficiency. Financial institutions will be on hand to provide financial literacy information and help individuals open free or low-cost bank accounts.

"We are excited to join First Lady Maria Shriver in her statewide efforts to support low-income families" said Donnicus Cook, Broad Spectrum CDC Executive Director. "Taxpayers will be able to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit as well as the special one time long distance telephone excise tax refund. In addition, community partners will offer educational workshops on taxes, budgeting, savings, and credit management."

During the tax filing season, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and AARP Tax Aide sites operate throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Some serve taxpayers on a walk-in

basis while others require an appointment. To find a site in the area, call Broad Spectrum at 310-693-6530; AARP at 888-227-7669; or L.A. County Hotline at 211. Also visit www.icanefile.org/myrefund or www.icanefile.org/midinero for more information about Earned Income Tax Credit.

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