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# Alameda County Citizens Call for Change: Constitutional Convention Townhall

**November 10, 2009** - Alameda County Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty are partnering with the Bay Area Council, Repair California and the Alameda County Citizens for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities to convene a Constitutional Convention Townhall.

**WHEN:** Monday, December 7, 2009 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm  
**WHERE:** City of Dublin Council Chambers, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568

The Townhall will include Panel discussions on the goals and objectives of a California Constitutional Convention, the Alameda County perspective on reform, and the path to a California Constitutional Convention. It includes opportunities for public testimony and Q/A. **There is no cost to attend and registration will begin at 5:15 pm.**

Across the state of California, people are frustrated and appalled by state government. Our system is dysfunctional and broken. In every city, town and unincorporated area citizens have begun to come together to dialogue about the need for change. In conjunction with this, Repair California and the Bay Area Council have facilitated meetings focused on how to revamp state government. From their joint meetings, web blogs and conversations with people, the consensus is that California residents express an overwhelming desire to affect change in four areas:

**Governance**, including the structure of the legislative and executive branches of government, with the latter to include State agencies and commissions.

**Elections**, including the initiative and referenda processes, campaign finance, and term limits.

**The Budget**, including the budget process and related requirements, such as the 2/3ds legislative vote required to pass a budget, the term and balancing of a budget, and mandated spending.

**Revenue distribution**, including the revenue relationship between local and state government.

The Town Hall will engage the public in a conversation with those who are interested in reform so that we can work toward solutions together.