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### **Access SF / Cable Channel 29 & League of Women Voters of San Francisco program selected as winner in Democracy-In-Action category of 2006 Hometown Video Festival**

Access SF, San Francisco's public access television station, is pleased to announce that an installment from last year's ELECETION 2005 series with the League of Women Voters of San Francisco has been selected as the winner in the Democracy-In-Action professional category of the prestigious Hometown Video Festival.

#### **TITLE OF WINNING ENTRY:**

**Election 2005 – Show #1 – Pro/Con Discussions – Proposition A & D**

The Hometown Video Festival and Awards is the annual competition of the Alliance for Community Media ([www.alliancecm.org](http://www.alliancecm.org)) that receives over 1400 entries from community television stations around the country. It is the nation's signature event honoring excellence and innovation among original public access television and community media programming.

The Hometown Video Festival and Awards Ceremony will be held in Boston, MA as part of the Annual Alliance for Community Media International Conference & Trade Show, July 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Representatives from Access SF will be in attendance to receive the station's award.

#### **SERIES BACKGROUND**

Since 2003, the League of Women Voters of San Francisco and Access SF / Cable Channel 29 have come together entirely of their own resources to produce quality, non-partisan media coverage that airs in advance of local elections. The goal of these programs is to serve the education and information needs of local voters, to broaden awareness of election issues, and to expand voter turnout. To date, the collaboration has yielded (5) separate successful series for the Nov. '03, March '04, June '04, Nov. '05, and June '06 elections, totaling 175+ hours of original local programming. Learn more about the League of Women Voters of San Francisco at [www.lwvsf.org](http://www.lwvsf.org) and [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org).

#### **ABOUT ACCESS SF / CABLE CHANNEL 29**

Access SF is the dba of San Francisco Community Television Corporation (SFCTC), which has served as the City's designated nonprofit manager of public access television since 1999. Prior, SFCTC had built and managed Citywatch, the City's first government access channel launched during Mayor Frank Jordan's administration. In April 2002, the agency opened a 4,500 square foot facility located at 1720 Market Street where citizens and nonprofits are offered low-cost training in media and television, access to equipment and channel time, and access to facility resources. Currently, 300+ producer members submit 225+ regular series for playback each month. Annually, the station cablecasts 4800+ hours of original local programming on Cable Channel 29, which reaches into 217,000+ households across all neighborhoods on both Comcast and RCN cable. The mission of Access SF is to strengthen the fabric of community life by enabling open communication through public access television and other forms of electronic media. Learn more about Access SF – Cable Channel 29 at [www.accesssf.org](http://www.accesssf.org).