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**Janet Reilly: “Let’s Take This Show on the Road”
*Challenges Opponent Fiona Ma to Debate
Each Week Before the Primary***

April 6, 2006 — 12th Assembly District candidate Democrat Janet Reilly today called for at least 8 more debates: one each week before the end of the primary race on June 6th. Reilly called for these debates to be held in neighborhoods throughout the district, including San Mateo County. Janet Reilly sent a copy of this request to the League of Women Voters, asking them to host a debate in this primary.

Janet Reilly said, “I think everyone agrees that the debate last night was great for our Democracy and great for voters. In fact, I think we should take this show on the road. I ask Fiona to join me at a debate each week before the election on June 6th.”

“I was so happy to see a room packed with voters who wanted to hear where we stand on substantive issues,” continued Reilly.

“The debate highlighted some striking differences between us. Fiona talked about her experience as a politician. I talked about my background as a mother, activist, and businesswoman.”

“Fiona talked about her support for the death penalty. I think killing people is wrong and we should have a moratorium on the death penalty.”

“Fiona said that the Ellis Act is a great way to create home ownership. I think the Ellis Act is being used to evict our most vulnerable tenants.”

“Fiona said she opposes the high school exit exam. I would rather work to create stronger safety nets for the 10 percent of kids who are not passing this test.”

“Although we talked about a lot of different issues last night – there are so many more we never touched on. I think we should replicate this debate in every neighborhood in our district,” said Reilly.

Democrat Janet Reilly currently serves as a Director of the Golden Gate Bridge Board. Janet is a former journalist and has an extensive background in the non-profit world. Janet Reilly believes that we are never going to have real reform in Sacramento until we elect public officials who are willing to advocate for the bold solutions that are going to make a difference.

Reilly has been endorsed by the SEIU State Council, the Sierra Club, the California League of Conservation Voters, Vote the Coast, The Tenants Network, and San Francisco Firefighters Local 798. She has also been endorsed by a broad coalition of Bay Area public officials and community leaders including Assemblyman Leland Yee, City Attorney Dennis Herrera, Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Michela Alioto-Pier, Jake McGoldrick, Gerardo Sandoval, Ross Mirkarimi, and Tom Ammiano; former Supervisor Matt Gonzalez, former Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, labor leader Dolores Huerta.