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## **The San Joaquin Valley Political Academy is Now Accepting Applications for a 2023 Cohort**

**Fresno, CA (Wednesday, January 18, 2023)** – The Fresno Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that applications for San Joaquin Valley Political Academy are now available. The program for the 2023 Cohort will include a class retreat, graduation, and one 3-hour class a week for 10 consecutive weeks.

**WHO:** San Joaquin Valley Political Academy, a program of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce

**WHAT:** Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Cohort

**WHEN:** NOW- February 3, 2023

**WHERE:** Please visit the [San Joaquin Political Academy website](#) to access the class application, and find additional information about the program, including but not limited to: the class schedule, an overview of the class curriculum, class speakers, and more!

The mission of the San Joaquin Political Academy is to develop political leaders that are committed to public service that creates a healthy business climate, a strong economy, and a vibrant community. By providing education and civic training to professionals and business leaders with the potential and desire to enter public service, the Academy equips its graduates with the tactical skills and pragmatic vision to creatively address the challenging systemic, and societal issues our region faces.

The curriculum for the academy covers the intricacies and logistics needed to run a strategic and successful campaign; takes a deep dive into the business, community, and economic issues that are most prevalent in our region; and provides hands-on training in public speaking, campaign messaging, and on-camera interviews. The curriculum is taught by local elected officials, local policymakers, marketing, and public relations professionals, and local campaign managers. A limited number of scholarships are available. Scholarships will be awarded based on individual financial needs. This program is presented by the Fresno Association of REALTORS.

“The Fresno Association of Realtors is a proud sponsor of the San Joaquin Political Academy; we stand by the program’s mission to invest in local leaders and prepare them with the necessary tools to enter the political arena.” – Brian Domingos President of the Fresno Association of REALTORS

The Fresno Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest business organizations in the Central Valley, with approximately 1,000 member businesses representing over 77,000 employees. The Chamber’s mission is to “promote and support the success of the regional business community through effective advocacy, education, and relationship building.”

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