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Virtual Community Forum in Cupertino

On Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 6 p.m., the Cupertino City Council will hold a live forum to discuss questions and issues submitted by the community.

For 10 years, Cupertino has been holding community forums to discuss topics ranging from race relations to the general plan. This year's forum will be an open-ended, in-depth discussion of concerns raised by residents. "In the heat of political debate, we often lose sight of the fact that our common values are far greater than our differences," said Richard Lowenthal, mayor of Cupertino.

This is the first time this annual award-winning forum will be broadcast live. While always well attended, participation has been limited to those with the time to attend. "We wanted everyone to have a chance to participate," said David Knapp, Cupertino city manager.

Beginning at 6 p.m., residents may tune in to a live webcast at www.cupertino.org, or see the program live on cable channel 26 in Cupertino. Comments and questions may be submitted throughout most of the meeting by going to www.cupertino.org, and logging onto Access Cupertino, select "Council Events" as your topic.

The regularly scheduled council meeting will follow this community meeting. The council will be in regular session beginning at 9 p.m.