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U.S. Congress Candidate Raymond Chukwu Challenges Incumbent Michael Honda to a Print Debate

*Silicon Valley candidate for U.S. House, CA 15th District, to announce adoption of new
online forum at press conference September 28*

SAN JOSE – U.S. Congressional candidate Raymond Chukwu will hold a press conference next Tuesday to announce today's formal challenge to debate the issues with Rep. Michael Honda in a unique new format, the Print Debate. Honda will have until 5:00 PM PDT on October 1 to respond.

Chukwu's press conference will be held on Tuesday, September 28 at 4 pm at the campaign headquarters, located at 1190 Saratoga Ave in San Jose. The press conference will take place on the front steps of the building. Joining Mr. Chukwu at the press conference will be Jonathan Firestein, Executive Director of The Print Debate Center, who will provide additional information regarding the Print Debate process.

Chukwu, an aerospace engineer, author and founder of Black Technologies Advancement Research Institute of San Jose, is the first candidate in the Bay Area to issue a challenge to debate in this new forum. "I am pleased and excited to participate in a debate forum that exemplifies the democratic principles upon which our nation was founded. It will give our district's voters an unprecedented opportunity to participate in the political process, and gain an understanding of the candidates' stands on the issues," Chukwu said. His platform is displayed at www.cukwu4uscongress04.com/Platform.html

The Online Print Debate is a new debate forum that provides a step-by-step process for candidates to engage in a debate. As described on the Web site, www.printdebate.com, "A Print Debate is an innovative forum combining online channels and traditional print outlets to create a modern emulation of the Federalist Papers. It creates a truly level playing field, encouraging an open and in depth exchange of political ideas between opposing candidates. In the course of a Print Debate, candidates state their positions, express plans and initiatives and answer questions from each other and the public."

Citizens can participate in the Print Debate by posing questions to the candidates that will be included in the debate format. Because the debate takes place over several weeks, it promotes a thoughtful, substantive debate that is focused on the issues. The voting public will have access to the entire debate, which will be available online and in print.

"The people of District 15 will be well served by our participation in the Print Debate format, which focuses on substance, not slogans and sound bites," Chukwu said. "It is critical that Mr. Honda and I debate the issues as often as possible, in every available forum."

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