



Membership Meeting with guest Ferial Masry

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Wednesday, February 18, 2009 - 7:00 pm

Location: State Building Auditorium

Address: 6150 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91401

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Join us for our February 18th meeting with our special guest Ferial Masry, who will be speaking about her book: [Running for all the Right Reasons: A Saudi Born Woman's Pursuit of Democracy](#)

In 2004, Ferial Masry, born in Mecca, became the first Saudi American to run for political office in U.S. history. A recent immigrant and naturalized citizen with a heavy Middle Eastern accent, Masry made a spirited run for the California State Assembly seat in a staunchly Republican district, which sparked worldwide interest. She was ABC's Person of the Week, was interviewed by Peter Jennings, and made headlines in the New York Times and Associated Press.

Against all odds, her grassroots campaign succeeded in winning the write-in vote, a historic victory for all Arab Americans. *Running for All the Right Reasons* chronicles Masry's remarkable life, from her childhood in Mecca and her decision to emigrate to the United States to her career as an educator and her bold entry into the world of politics. Masry's story, as well as her passionate belief in democracy and commitment to her community, is the stuff of legends.

She will be signing copies of her book. We will only have a few copies available so please order yours in advance by using the below link. VGFD will make a small commission for each copy purchased through this link.

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