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KCTS 9 and KYVE 47 present *Ask the Governor*

Washington state residents will communicate directly with their Governor, Christine Gregoire, live from KCTS 9, Wednesday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m.

SEATTLE—Governor Christine Gregoire will take calls from voters across Washington state in KCTS 9's next ***Ask the Governor*** special, airing live **Wednesday, February 11, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The governor will be in the KCTS 9 Studio to respond to questions and concerns on a wide variety of issues currently affecting the state. Moderated by KCTS 9's Enrique Cerna, the one-hour program will be carried by KCTS 9/Seattle, KYVE 47/Yakima, KSPS/Spokane, KWSU/Pullman, KTNW/Richland, and Northwest Public Radio stations around the state. During the broadcast, viewers and listeners will be provided with a toll-free number to call.

Governor Gregoire is expected to discuss a variety of issues, including economic policies, education, transportation and employment. Last November, when budget projections presaged dramatic cuts in state spending, the governor said "State government is going to have to sacrifice and make hard choices just like Washington families." Questions are expected to address how these hard choices will affect her administration and the people of Washington state.

Ask the Governor is a series of live specials designed to put people across Washington directly in touch with the state's highest elected official. The specials air simultaneously on public television and public radio stations around the state. The quarterly programs, which premiered in February 1993, are the only joint statewide television-radio broadcasts providing Washington residents with direct access to the governor.

Ask the Governor will be available on KCTS9.org and via Comcast ON DEMAND after its broadcast. It will also be translated into Spanish and broadcast on KCTS 9 V-me, February 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Ask the Governor is a production of KCTS 9 Television. Senior Producer: Ethan Morris. Director: David Ko. Executive Producer/Moderator: Enrique Cerna. Support for *Ask the Governor* on KCTS 9 comes from First Choice Health, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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