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**GOP CANDIDATE PETER HANKWITZ, REP. BRAD SHERMAN  
AGREE TO DEBATE**

*Hankwitz Issues Public Challenge; Sherman Looks to Buy Time*

**NORTHRIDGE, CA—AUGUST 25, 2006:** At a town hall meeting in Reseda yesterday, Peter Hankwitz, the Republican nominee for Congress in California's 27<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, publicly challenged his opponent, incumbent Rep. Brad Sherman, to a series of public debates. Sherman agreed to debate but indicated he was unwilling to do so until late October, citing a forum to be hosted by the League of Women Voters as a possible venue.

Hankwitz commented, "I am pleased that Mr. Sherman has agreed to debate me, but waiting until late October to do so makes absolutely no sense. The people of the 27<sup>th</sup> District deserve a full and open debate of the issues between the two candidates now—not two months from now. I have already accepted two invitations to participate in upcoming candidate forums in the District and I call upon Mr. Sherman to join me at both events."

Hankwitz has committed to take part in a debate on September 19, 2006 to be hosted by the Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce, and also in a debate on October 5, 2006 to be hosted by the Granada Hills Old Residents' Club.

Hankwitz stated, "I don't want to hear about scheduling conflicts or prior obligations—there should be no higher priority on Mr. Sherman's calendar than appearing before his constituents and engaging in a serious, thoughtful discussion of the issues facing the voters of the 27<sup>th</sup> District. "

Hankwitz also called on Sherman to join him at public forums in Woodland Hills, CA and in Granada Hills, CA in a letter faxed yesterday to the Sherman campaign. Hankwitz offered to debate Sherman “any time, at any place” in the District.

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