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***Food for Thought* Recounts Struggle for Women's Suffrage**

**Sacramento** – The California State Library's March event in its monthly evening cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library***, will be held Wednesday, March 25, at the Crest Theatre. This month's screening is offered in partnership with the California Legislative Women's Caucus.

In honor of Women's History Month, the March screening features *Iron Jawed Angels*, an HBO film about the women's suffrage movement in America. "*Iron Jawed Angels*," says HBO, "recounts for a contemporary audience a key chapter in U.S. history: in this case, the struggle of suffragists who fought for the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

"Focusing on two defiant women, Alice Paul (Hillary Swank) and Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor), the film shows how these activists broke from the mainstream women's-rights movement and created a more radical wing, daring to push the boundaries of political protest to secure women's voting rights in 1920. Breathing life into the relationships between Paul, Burns, and others, the movie makes the women feel like complete characters instead of one-dimensional figures from a distant past." In an era when this country was dominated by chauvinism, these women and their volunteers clash with older, conservative activists, public opinion, and the most powerful men in the country to move the nation forward.

The California State Library launched ***Food for Thought*** because it believes that libraries and the free expression of ideas are essential to a healthy democracy. ***Food for Thought*** is a unique monthly venue where film buffs and thinking people talk freely about ideas and issues. By ensuring that California's people stay intellectually invigorated, the California State Library is taking an active role as a positive shaper of the future of this great state. Its monthly ***Food for Thought*** evenings remind busy Sacramento audiences that we all need to slow down enough to consider and discuss issues that have shaped our past and affect our collective future, so that we can build a preferred tomorrow.



Join us on Wednesday, March 25th at the historic Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street, in Sacramento. Doors open at 6:30 PM; the film begins at 7:00 PM.. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; K Street light rail access. Space is limited so please RSVP to Cody Naylor at (916) 319-2438 or [Cody.Naylor@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Cody.Naylor@asm.ca.gov).

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