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**Food for Thought Screens *The Candidate***

**Sacramento** – The October event in the California State Library’s cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library***, will be held on **Wednesday, October 20**. This free evening event includes refreshments, a classic film, and a lively post-film discussion.

As a lead-in to the November election, this month’s film is *The Candidate*, starring Robert Redford in one of his best dramatic roles. Redford plays Bill McKay, a naïve public-interest lawyer whose ideals fade as he moves from underdog to front-runner in a race for the U.S. Senate. Recruited by campaign strategists to challenge an “unbeatable” nominee, McKay gradually cedes control of his image and values as the election machine takes over. Peter Boyle plays the campaign manager who methodically separates McKay from his conscience.

The California State Library launched ***Food for Thought*** because it believes libraries and the free expression of ideas are essential to a healthy democracy. ***Food for Thought*** is a unique venue that encourages thoughtful discussions of ideas and issues. By helping Californians stay intellectually invigorated, the California State Library is taking an active role in shaping the future of this great state.

Join us **Wednesday, October 20** from 5:00 to 8:30 pm in the California History Room, Room 200, Library & Courts Building II, 900 N Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00 pm; the program begins at 6:00 pm with time for discussion afterward. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; 8<sup>th</sup> and O light rail access is nearby. Seating in this venue is limited, so attendees must RSVP to Rebecca Ann Fontaine at (916) 653-9942 or [fontaine@library.ca.gov](mailto:fontaine@library.ca.gov).



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