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National AmeriCorps Week

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In honor of National AmeriCorps Week, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, in partnership with the California Administrative Office of the Courts, will host Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren at the Court's legal Self-Help Center in Downtown San Jose, Thursday, March 15 at 2:00 pm.

Congresswoman and a member of her staff will tour the legal Self-Help Center with one of the Court's JusticeCorps Members. JusticeCorps, a statewide AmeriCorps program, trains and places 300 California State University and University of California students for one year of service in court-based legal access Self-Help Centers. The Court's Self-Help Center assists over 44, 000 people a year with their legal issues by helping with forms, information or referrals to resources that can help, acting as a legal safety net for the community. The Members help people at the Centers who come to court without an attorney, primarily because they can't afford one. JusticeCorps Members assist with eviction, family, guardianship, conservatorship, small claims and general civil cases, under a Self-Help Center attorney's supervision, promoting community stability by helping people resolve important family, housing and financial matters, often in languages other than English.

After the tour, the Congresswoman, the Court's Presiding Judge Richard J. Loftus, Jr., and Chief Executive Officer David Yamasaki, AmeriCorps members, program staff and a local AmeriCorps fellow serving with Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps will sit for a discussion focusing on the "Justice Gap" in our communities and what our AmeriCorps programs are doing to address it.