

California Focus



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California Focus 2017 Debate Topic
(Sunday Afternoon at the State Capitol Building)

Citizens of Sierra Cascade need to consider whether to raise minimum wage or keep it at its current rate. Sierra Cascade's minimum wage is currently set at \$10.50 per hour. Some politicians believe that raising minimum wage will help offset the high cost of living in the state; others argue that the raise would hurt small businesses.

Should Sierra Cascade raise its minimum wage?

Consider this topic and prepare a statement that supports or opposes the issue. Be prepared to present your view on Sunday at the Capitol building. You may present as yourself or you may take on the role of a character (I.E, George Washington, a business owner, etc.) If you choose a character role, be sure to explain your identity in your opening sentences. Props may be used.