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Two SSVMS Members are Running
for Public Office



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We would like to introduce you to two of our members who have announced their candidacy for public office. As far as we know, this is an unprecedented event to have two of our members running for public office at the state and federal level. While SSVMS does not have a political action committee, and we do not make political contributions to candidates, we are involved in the political process and believe it is vital to have physicians in the Legislature and in Congress. We have asked the candidates to answer some basic questions, and we hope you will support them in their campaigns.



Amerish Bera, MD, is running in the 2010 primary against Congressman Dan Lungren of the 3rd Congressional District. The district covers most of Sacramento County and part of Solano County, as well as all of Alpine, Amador and Calaveras Counties. Dr. Bera graduated from UC Irvine School of Medicine and received his training in Internal Medicine from the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. He is a clinical professor of medicine at the UC Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Bera has served as the chair of the Medical Society's SPIRIT Project. He is married to Janine Bera, MD, an internist with Kaiser Permanente in Elk Grove, and they have a daughter. The family resides in Elk Grove.



Richard Pan, MD, a pediatrician, is running in the 2010 primary for California's 5th Assembly District, a spot currently held by Roger Niello, who is termed out. The district is in the Northern portion of Sacramento County encompassing Folsom, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Orangevale, Fair Oaks, portions of North Highlands, most of Arden Arcade, the Natomas area and a small portion of Placer County. Dr. Pan graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, completed his training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and received an MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatric Residency Director at UC Davis Medical Center. Dr. Pan served as President of SSVMS in 2004 and is a current member of the CMA Board of Trustees. He is married to Wen-Li Wang,

DDS and they have a son. The family resides in the Natomas area.

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