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## **Placer Democrats Focus on Women's Fight to Vote *Two Oscar winners lead cast in film at Sierra College***

AUBURN, CA – The Sierra College Democratic Club presents “IRON JAWED ANGELS” in a free public viewing Saturday March 31, a drama chronicling 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passage. The film starts 6:30 p.m. on campus in the Fireside Room LRC-212. Women's studies & history Professor Lynn Medeiros speaks before the viewing.

Oscar winners Hilary Swank and Angelica Huston's characters fight for women's voting rights in different political camps during President Woodrow Wilson's early 20<sup>th</sup> century administration.

Swank (Alice Paul, a Quaker) and Frances O'Connor (Lucy Burns, an Irish Brooklynite) are radical suffrage activists, jailed for wanting to vote. The film title stems from their characters fight against hands-on government action toward them, even behind bars, gripped by hunger.

Swank won a 2005 Oscar in Director Clint Eastwood's “Million Dollar Baby” and in 2000 for “Boys Don't Cry.”

In this film, Huston won the Best Supporting Actress Golden Globe, as the more conservative suffragist, Carrie Chapman Catt. In 1986, she won an Oscar acting with Jack Nicholson in “Prizzi's Honor,” directed by her famous late-father, John Huston.

“IRON JAWED ANGELS” originally debuted February 2004.

### Other cast members include:

Bob Gunton.....(President Woodrow Wilson)  
Inez Mullholland .....(Julie Ormond)  
Margo Martindale.....(Harriett Blatch)  
Lois Smith.....(Reverend Anna Howard Shaw)  
Semen Hirzher.....(Russian Mover)  
Jeremy Nichols.....(Russian Mover's Son)  
Brook Smith.....(Mabel Vernon)  
And others...

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