**UNIT 8**

**CD 1, Track 27**

**Bita:** Is this Consuela?

**Consuela:** Yes. Who’s this?

**Bita:** This is Bita from Bellingham, Washington.

**Consuela:** Hi! How are you doing?

**Bita:** I’m OK. A little busy with work and school, but I’m surviving. Hey, I was wondering if you could help me with something.

**Consuela:** Of course! What do you need?

**Bita:** Well, I think it’s time for me to get a driver’s license. Public transportation is taking up too much of my time and I need to be able to get around faster. I’ve been saving up to buy a car, but I still have to get my license. I remember the other day that you said you had gotten your license and registered your car, so I thought maybe you could give me some advice.

**Consuela:** Sure.

**Bita:** Well, I already have my driver’s license from Iran. Do I still have to take the test?

**Consuela:** Yes, you’ll have to take the written test and the driving test. Only people from other states in the United States can get the driving test waived.

**Bita:** OK, so how do I prepare for the written test?

**Consuela:** First, you need to go to the DMV and get a driver’s handbook to study the rules of the road for the written test.

**Bita:** How many questions are on the test?

**Consuela:** In California, the written test has 36 questions. In Washington, it may be different.

**Bita:** How many questions do I have to get correct? And what if I don’t pass it the first time?

**Consuela:** You can miss five questions, but you have three chances to pass the test. If you don’t pass the first time, you can take it two more times.

**Bita:** OK. What about the driving test?

**Consuela:** First, you need to make an appointment. They won’t let you test without one. Second, a licensed driver must accompany you to the DMV in the car that you’ll use to take the test.

**Bita:** And then they test me on my driving skills?

**Consuela:** Yep.

**Bita:** That should be easy. I’ve been practicing with my brother for over a year. So, how do I apply for the license?

**Consuela:** First, you have to get an application and fill it out. Then you have to take the application to the DMV.

**Bita:** OK, so what do I have to do next?

**Consuela:** Well, you have to take the written test, take a vision exam, show them proof of your social security number and your date of birth, give them your thumbprint, and have your picture taken.

**Bita:** How much does that cost?

**Consuela:** $12.

**Bita:** OK, I think I can do this.

**Consuela:** I know you can. Good luck! Call me and let me know how it goes.

**Bita:** I sure will. Thanks a lot, Consuela!

**Consuela:** Anytime.

**CD 1, Track 28**

**Antonio Juliana:** First of all, I want to thank you all for coming today. It is my pleasure to speak to you, and I hope that you will vote for me come Election Day. I’ll be brief and to the point. My biggest concern is our streets. There is too much gang violence and I want to wipe it out. I think we can start by getting our children off the streets and taking care of the homeless people. It’s time for us to regain our streets and feel safe again. Once this happens, we can focus on other problems like overcrowded schools and our public transportation system. I know you have a tough decision to make, but I hope that when you go to the polls next Tuesday, you’ll put a check next to my name, Antonio Juliana.

**Gary Hurt:** I have been waiting for this day. A day when I could stand before you and tell you what I’m going to do if elected. These are not empty promises but things that WILL HAPPEN if you elect Gary Hurt as your mayor. The environment will be my number one priority. Our beaches will be clean again. Our public transportation system will be so good that you won’t want to drive your cars anymore.

I will use your tax dollars to create more parks and safe places for our children to play. Our city will be great once again if you vote for Gary Hurt!

**Kwan Tan:** Good evening and thank you for coming tonight! The community has given me so many opportunities and, in running for mayor, I hope to give something back to the city that welcomed me as an immigrant, educated me through my teen years, and supported me as I opened my first business.

First on my agenda is education. I will make sure your tax dollars are used to build more schools so our children won’t have to sit in overcrowded classrooms. I’ll lower the tuition at our community colleges so all of us will have a chance to continue and improve our education. I’ll implement standards to ensure that schools are teaching our kids what they need to know. I’ll start a parent- involvement program that encourages parents to participate actively in their kids’ schools. Our children are the future of our community and we should invest time and money in their success.

Vote for me on Election Day and you’ll have schools and a community to be proud of!