



Redistricting CA Conference

Los Angeles Equestrian Center
480 W. Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506
December 15, 2009

9:00 am
Courtyard

Registration & Continental Breakfast

Welcome Address: Latonya Slack, The James Irvine Foundation

9:30 am-10:30 am
Equestrian Ballroom

“Walking the Course: What Are the Redistricting Basics that Everyone Should Know?”

This opening panel will walk through redistricting basics, including how it works, the basic terminology, the data that are used, and how to create a compelling case for your community.

Speakers:

- Justin Levitt, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law
- Karin Mac Donald, Statewide Database and Election Administration Research Center at Berkeley Law
- Thomas Saenz, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Moderator: Kathay Feng, California Common Cause

10:45 am-11:45 am
Equestrian Ballroom

“On Your Marks: Applying for the Citizens Redistricting Commission”

This general session panel will cover the application process for the Citizens Redistricting Commission, including the roles of the California State Auditor, the Legislature and the Secretary of State in the selection process.

Speakers:

- Sharon Reilly, Bureau of State Audits
- Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tem of the California State Senate (invited)
- Karen Bass, Speaker of the California State Assembly (invited)
- Debra Bowen, California Secretary of State (invited)
- Steve Reyes, Kaufman Legal Group

Moderator: Robert Stern, Center for Governmental Studies

12:00 pm-1:30 pm
Polo Room

Lunch: “Get Set: What Will It Be Like to Be a Commissioner?”

This lunch panel will discuss how redistricting has worked in other places and the day-to-day work of a redistricting commissioner.

Speakers:

- Steve Lynn, Chair of Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
- Arturo Vargas, served on Los Angeles Redistricting Commission
- Leland Saito, served on San Diego Redistricting Commission
- Larry Salinas, Vice-Chairman of Modesto Citizen’s Districting Commission

Moderator: Chris Carson, League of Women Voters of California



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1:45 pm-2:45 pm
Grand Prix Ballroom
Last names: A-L

Workshop Breakouts

A: "Learning the Ropes: Training the Trainers"

This workshop will examine some of the challenges to participating in the redistricting process and to discuss the various tools available for facilitating individual participation. The outreach and education tools will include: PowerPoint presentation, brochure, FAQ's, newsletter articles, website and google maps.

Speakers:

- Eugene Lee, Asian Pacific American Legal Center
- Nancy Ramirez, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- Dan Claypool, Bureau of State Audits

Moderator: Sam Walton, California NAACP

Equestrian Ballroom
Last names: M-Z

B: "Taking the Reins: In-Depth Review of the Application and Selection Process"

This workshop will review of the application form for people interested in applying to serve on the commission. Panelists will discuss both the initial and supplemental, and how to follow the entire application process.

Speakers:

- Sharon Reilly, Bureau of State Audits
- Rosalind Gold, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund
- Douglas Johnson, Rose Institute of State and Local Government

Moderator: Trudy Schafer, League of Women Voters of California

3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Workshop Breakouts

Same sessions to allow everyone to attend both. Attendees switch rooms.

4:15 pm-4:45 pm
Equestrian Ballroom

"Off to the Races: How Can My Organization Help Identify and Recruit Commissioners?"

Interactive session for groups to talk about recruitment tools, ideas, and efforts for finding the best possible applicants to serve on the commission from their communities.

Facilitators:

- Adam Briones, The Greenling Institute
- Tunua Thrash, The Greenling Institute
- Maricela Morales, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy

4:50 pm-5:00 pm
Equestrian Ballroom

Closing Remarks

Catherine Hazelton, The James Irvine Foundation