



GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

WHO: The UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, The University of California Washington Center, The James Irvine Foundation, and The UC for California Alliance.

WHAT: A one-day conference on the November 8 Special Election in California. Free and open to the public. No advance registration required.

WHERE: The University of California Washington Center
1608 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
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<http://www.ucdc.edu/>

WHEN: Friday, October 28, 2005 at 9:15am
A complimentary continental breakfast available at 8:30am.

Policy experts and practitioners will address the national implications of key issues in California's Nov. 8 special election. Voters will confront a range of crucial concerns from abortion to the state budget, prescription drugs, campaign finance, redistricting, teacher tenure, and electricity regulation. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's name is not on the ballot, but his political future may ride on the controversial special election he called to promote his reform agenda.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:15am - WELCOME

Bruce Cain, Director, UC Washington Center

9:30am - SESSION I: GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE: AN OVERVIEW

Moderator: Bruce Cain, Director, UC Washington Center

1. From Prop 13 to the Special Election: Jack Citrin, Associate Director, IGS, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
2. What's So Special About the Special Election? Peter Schrag, Visiting Scholar, IGS, author of *Paradise Lost*

3. The Return of Soft Money: Shaun Bowler, Professor of Political Science, UC Riverside

Discussant: E.J. Dionne, Senior Fellow, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution

11:00am - SESSION II: THE POLITICS: CAMPAIGNS, CONSULTANTS, AND THE MEDIA

Moderator: Ethan Rarick, Director, Center on Politics, IGS

1. The View from Washington: Norman Ornstein, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute
2. Who Profits from Propositions? Garry South, Political Consultant, and Ken Khachigian, Smiland, Khachigian & Chester
3. The Media: Dan Weintraub, Columnist, The Sacramento Bee

12:30 – 2:30pm LUNCH and KEYNOTE SPEECH

The Honorable Gray Davis, Governor of California, 1999-2003

The Beacon Hotel (Across the street from the UC Center)

Lunch sponsored by The UC For California Alliance



2:30PM - SESSION III: THE POLICY: GERRYMANDERED DISTRICTS AND BUDGET DEFICITS

Moderator: Jerry Lubenow, Senior Consultant, Center on Politics, IGS

1. A Daunting Deficit: John Ellwood, Professor, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley
2. Regulating Gerrymandering: Nathaniel Persily, Professor, School of Law, University of Pennsylvania
3. Arnold's Propositions: Is the Cure Worse than the Disease? Jim Brulte, California Strategies; Bruce Cain, Director, UC Washington Center; and John Decker, Chief Fiscal Advisor to the Appropriations Committee of the California Senate.

Discussant: Tom Mann, Senior Fellow, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution

4:00pm - SESSION IV: IMPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNANCE

Moderator: Susan Rasky, School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley

1. The Impact on California Politics: Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, Senior Scholar, School of Policy Planning and Development, University of Southern California
2. Is California Unique? Karl Kurtz, National Conference of State Legislatures

Roundtable: Can the Process Be Reformed? Bruce Cain, Peter Schrag and Bob Stern, President, Center for Governmental Studies, Los Angeles