



**PROTECTING DEMOCRACY:
USING RESEARCH TO INFORM THE VOTING RIGHTS
REAUTHORIZATION DEBATE**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, WASHINGTON CENTER

AGENDA

- 8:00-9:00 AM** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:40 AM** **WELCOME**

Christopher Edley, Jr., *Director, The Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute
on Race, Ethnicity and Diversity*
Bruce E. Cain, *Director, The University of California, Washington Center*
- 8:40-9:00 am** **FRAMING THE DISCUSSION: Reauthorization Efforts on the Hill**

LaShawn Warren, American Civil Liberties Union, Legislative Counsel
- 9:00-10:30 am** **PANEL I: If Section 5 is Reauthorized, Should it Be Modified?**

Bernie Grofman, *University of California, Irvine*
David Becker, *formerly of the Department of Justice, Voting Rights Division*
Debo Adegbile, *NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund*
- 10:40-12:00 noon** **PANEL II: Is Section 5 Still Needed?**

Bruce Cain, *Director, University of California, Washington Center*
Luis Fraga, *Stanford University*
J. Gerald Hebert, *Campaign Legal Center*
- 12:00-12:45 PM** **LUNCH**

1:00-3:00 PM

PANEL III: Should Section 203 Be Reauthorized?

Jocelyn Benson, *Assistant Professor, Wayne State University Law School*
Ana Henderson, *Fellow, The Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race,
Ethnicity and Diversity*

3:10-4:00 PM

PANEL IV: What Evidence Supports Reauthorization?

Ellen Katz, *University of Michigan Law School*
Jon Greenbaum, *Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*

4:10-5:00 PM

PANEL V: Conclusions & Next Steps

Christopher Edley, Jr., *The Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race,
Ethnicity and Diversity*
Pamela Karlan, *Stanford Law School*
Robert Kengle, *formerly of the Department of Justice, Voting Rights Division*