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## JOINT INFORMATIONAL HEARING: SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING

Subject: Status of the Federal Voting Rights Act

Thursday, December 12, 2013, 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 3191

### Agenda

- I. Opening Statements and Introductions
- II. Legal Overview of the U.S. Supreme Court's Recent Ruling on the federal Voting Rights Act
  - Richard Hasen, Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science, School of Law, University of California, Irvine
- III. Impact on Voters and Elections from State & County Elections Officials Perspective
  - Lowell Finley, Chief Counsel, Secretary of State Debra Bowen
  - Ken Baird, Kings County Clerk-Recorder
  - Rachelle Simans, Kings County Elections Manager
  - Terry Hansen, Yuba County Clerk-Recorder
- IV. Impact on Voters and Elections from Voter Rights Advocacy Organizations Perspective
  - Rosalind Gold, Senior Director of Policy, Research and Advocacy, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund
  - Joanna Cuevas Ingram, Esq., Equal Justice Works Voting Rights Fellow, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the SF Bay Area
  - Eugene Lee, Project Director, Voting Rights Project, Asian Americans for Advancing Justice, Los Angeles
  - Robert Rubin, Former Senior Counsel, Litigation Director, California Voting Rights Institute, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Adjunct Faculty, University of California Hastings College of the Law

- Warren Quann, Legislative Director, California State Conference, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Jeanette Zanipatin, Legislative Staff Attorney, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

V. Public Testimony (Sign-in Order)

VI. Closing Remarks