



Informational Hearing

Subject: Voter Participation and Engagement: Strategies for Bridging Gaps
and Ensuring Accurate Registration

November 16, 2023, 1:30 PM
State Capitol, Room 437

Agenda

- I. Opening Statements and Instructions
- II. Perspectives of Current and Former California Election Officials
 - a. LaKenya Jordan, Deputy Secretary of State, Office of Policy and Planning, and Implementation of the Voters Choice Act, California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
 - b. James Schwab, State Director, United States Senator Alex Padilla and Former California Secretary of State
 - c. Dean Logan, Los Angeles County, Registrar-Recorder and County Clerk
 - d. Cathy Darling Allen, Shasta County Clerk and Registrar of Voters
- III. Understanding California's Voter Participation Gap: Recent Research
 - a. Mindy Romero, Founder and Director, Center for Inclusive Democracy at the University of Southern California
- IV. Ensuring Complete and Accurate Voter Registration Rolls

- a. California's Experience with Automatic Voter Registration: Perspectives of California's New Motor Voter Task Force
 - i. Susan Lapsley, Deputy Secretary of State, Help America Vote Act Director and Counsel, California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
 - ii. Brittany Stonesifer, Staff Attorney for the Democracy & Civic Engagement Program, ACLU of Northern California
 - iii. Rosalind Gold, Chief Public Policy Officer, NALEO Educational Fund
 - iv. Neal Ubriani, Policy and Research Director, Institute for Responsive Government
 - b. Additional Tools for Managing California's Voter Registration Rolls
 - i. Shane Hamlin, Executive Director, Electronic Registration Information Center
- V. Strategies for Closing Voter Participation Gaps
- a. County Elections Officials' Civic Education Programs
 - i. Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Chief Election Official
 - ii. Ryan Ronco, Placer County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters
 - iii. Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Manager, County of Santa Clara, Office of the Registrar of Voters
 - b. Improving Language Access
 - i. Deanna Kitamura, Program Manager & Senior Staff Attorney, Voting Rights, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus

ii. Pedro Hernández, Legal and Policy Director, California
Common Cause

c. Engaging Communities and Improving Participation: Perspectives
of Community Based Organizations

i. Kristin Nimmers, Policy & Campaign Manager, California
Black Power Network

ii. Fred Nisen, Managing Attorney, Voting Rights Practice
Group, Disability Rights California

iii. Veronica Carrizales, Vice President of Policy and External
Affairs, California Calls

iv. Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate, Board Member, League of
Women Voters of California

VI. Public Testimony

VII. Closing Remarks