

CALIFORNIA ON THE BALLOT

California on the Ballot invites the people of California and beyond to reflect and talk—with neighbors, historians, election experts, and more—about the past, present, and future of electoral engagement in California.



Equity at the Polls: Voter Access in California Elections

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 4 pm PST

Since 1960, California has improved its voter registration process. Ballots are now mail-in, multilingual, and registration is available up to election day. Why then do California elections not fully reflect the diversity of the state? What tactics can increase --and sustain – voter engagement?



Voters on the Move

Thursday, June 22, 2022, 4 pm PST

California is home to one in eight US residents. Yet population growth has slowed: the 2020 Census resulted in a rare loss of a seat in the House of Representatives. What factors explain motion in the California electoral map? What practical challenges are presented by voter turnover?



Voting Rights for Incarcerated Californians

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 4 pm PST

In November 2020, California voted to refranchise 50,000 parolees under Prop 17, sparking a broader conversation about voting rights for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated citizens. What is the situation today? How has this question been discussed throughout state history?



Voting Rights for DACA Recipients – Ten Years In

Thursday, August 11, 2022, 4 pm PST

California is home to 183,000 DACA recipients and nearly 1 in 4 Californians is foreign born. What civic powers do DACA status holders have in California? How is voter access offered at the local, state and federal levels? On its tenth anniversary, what is the legacy of this landmark program?



Voting Rights for Indigenous Populations

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 4 pm PST

Despite rights granted by the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, many native people remain excluded from democratic processes. We explore the barriers facing native voters and seekers of public office, including landmark legal battles, literacy laws, and voter ID requirements. How do other countries govern alongside their Indigenous populations?

For more information about these events, please write to Program Associate Kirsten Vega at kvega@calhum.org.

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