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The *California Agenda* series is presented by The Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs and is traditionally focused on significant regional and statewide public policy issues. For 2010, the *California Agenda* will focus on the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles metropolitan area, with an emphasis on the region's most pressing issues, especially in terms of the intersection of social justice and equality of opportunity.

MARCH 11

Envisioning Los Angeles' Economic Future

The precarious condition of the Los Angeles economy—undoubtedly fueled by the national and state recession, historical state budget deficits and fiscal debt, business closures, public- and private-sector job losses, and citizen anxiety—is a primary focal point for Angelenos. Our expert panelists will address L.A.'s economic condition in relation to the state's budgetary and fiscal crises. They will also look at unemployment rates in the city and region and their impact on residents' quality of life, and offer recommendations to improve the city's business climate and job creation efforts.

APRIL 15

Immigration Reform and L.A.: The Role of Race, Class, and Ethnicity

Many residents are disappointed at the Obama administration's failure to deliver promised comprehensive immigration reform. This discussion will involve pointed inquiries within a local framework: Will 2010 finally bring about a major immigration overhaul? What are the social and racial/ethnic implications of immigration reform? Our panelists will address these questions and provide an overview of the city's demographic landscape and a focus on the history of immigration, race, and class issues in the Southland.

MAY 20

Greening Los Angeles: A Sustainable Future for All

Efforts to create a "green" Los Angeles have secured numerous investments to create jobs and improve quality of life in Los Angeles. Given the economic downturn and the substantial amount of Federal support for infrastructure programs, this may be the opportunity for the City to expand its focus to include more equitable "green" development, widespread use of alternative energies, policies to promote "green" businesses, and investment in employment opportunities in these emerging industries. The panel will discuss these issues and offer timely information on the science and technological developments of alternative energy.

JUNE 24

Healthy Los Angeles: The Local Impact of National Reform

Health care and, perhaps even more importantly, health care reform took center stage as a predominant public policy issue in 2009. This fiercely contentious "wedge" issue affects all of us, so how do we shift its emphasis to creating healthy communities—from clean air and water to green space and a healthy future for the children of Los Angeles? Perhaps nowhere else in the country is so much work being done to remedy economic disparities and create environmental justice. Panelists will discuss local efforts to reframe the health care debate into a conversation about creating healthy communities for all Angelenos.

SEPTEMBER 16

Aging Highways, New Horizons: The Future of Transportation in L.A.

Transforming our aging transportation infrastructure is crucial to the future of Los Angeles. Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown had the foresight to develop a state highway program that reached 50 years into the future. Those 50 years are nearly up, and now we must be equally visionary. Our expert panel will focus on the history of transportation and how, in terms of transportation development, the Pat Brown era helped to create Los Angeles. The conversation will also focus on current and proposed projects slated to sustain the quality of life in L.A.

OCTOBER 21

The Brown Legacy: The Past and Future of Water Policy in the Golden State

With his innovative and forward-thinking water resources program, Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown was instrumental in laying the foundation for the Golden State's infrastructure. The building of the California Aqueduct demonstrated Gov. Brown's vision of developing the state's resources to make life more comfortable for residents. Given the history of water policy in our state, our panelists will assess how Gov. Brown's vision holds true for Los Angeles. Their discussion will look at the most recent water-related legislation passed in Sacramento and at policies and programs implemented by Los Angeles agencies to address water supplies and shortages.



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