

# CALIFORNIA AGENDA 2011

## FEBRUARY

### **Weathering California's Economic Crisis: Ensuring Pathways to Higher Education**

Facing continued cutbacks, fee hikes and furloughs, California's three-tiered public higher education system is at the forefront of the state budget crisis. To ensure continued access for all students, this panel will focus on improving California's pathways to community college, CSU and UC campuses. At this historic turning point in the struggle against further cuts, this event will present critical voices and viewpoints.

## MAY

### **Finding the Silver Lining in the Golden State's Economic and Budgetary Crisis**

Californians know that the state's economic and budget crisis is an ongoing challenge, but is there a silver lining? Is there an opportunity for the Golden State to recover and create a solid economic future that will keep us going strong for the next 10 to 20 years? How have other governments managed to weather the financial storms? The morning will start with a presentation from the Swiss Parliament on their budgetary and political model before shifting to a panel of Californians who will explore and discuss the contrast between our state's economic condition and that of the Swiss experience with public debt and fiscal responsibility.

## MARCH

### **The NFL in LA: A Touchdown for Angelenos?**

For years, Angelenos have debated building a new NFL Stadium and bringing professional football back to LA. But outside of a potential renewed sense of civic pride, is the landing of an NFL team an economic engine that will bring revenue streams to Southland coffers and trickle down to surrounding communities? Or, might it become a financial albatross on taxpayers and the city for years to come, with few trickle-down benefits? This panel will focus on the potential risks and benefits of building a stadium.

## JUNE

### **A Paradigm Shift in California's Energy Environment**

A paradigm shift is occurring in California's energy environment. The shift, eventually becoming national in scope, features an increasing turn toward renewable energy sources (wind, solar, electric) and away from traditional fossil sources. While many Californians think this is a good idea—going increasingly green and sustainable—others are not so sure. But how does it all fit? Do we have the necessary capacity and infrastructure to accommodate this paradigm shift in energy? Who does it most benefit? Who pays?

## APRIL

### **Equality for All Californians: Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown and Racial Reform, 1959-1967**

This lecture will focus on the successful effort of Governor Pat Brown to prohibit racial discrimination in private employment, public and private housing, and the state government. Through his efforts, and those of previous California Governor Earl Warren, California became a leading national voice and example for racial justice and equity.

## OCTOBER

### **Forecasting California 2020: How Do We Get There and What Will We Become?**

With Jerry Brown's return as California Governor and the Golden State reeling from budget cuts and the ongoing effects of the economic crisis, what is the forecast for California's future? When it comes to housing, transportation and education, where are we headed? What can policymakers do to ensure the sustainability of the Golden State? For the 2011 Distinguished Lecture of the California Agenda series, our esteemed speaker will address these and other questions about California's future.

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