



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.



What's the Deal With Direct Democracy?

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 4pm PT

From the legality of prize fighting (1914) to the definition of marriage (2000), Californians have approved 132 ballot measures. Rachael Myrow of KQED leads a panel discussion on the history of California's use of ballot initiatives.



The Electoral College: What Were The Founders Thinking?

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 4pm PT

Why was the Electoral College created? What is its legacy today in America and in California? Learn the answers and hear popular ideas for reform with Karthick Ramakrishnan, Mindy Romero, Sonja Diaz, and moderator Dan Schnur.



Show & Tell: What Can We Learn From Artifacts of California Elections?

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 4pm PT

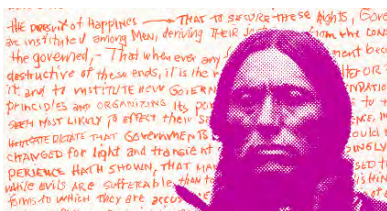
Take a trip back through California's voting history in this show-and-tell led by historian Susan D. Anderson and archivists from across the state. Hear seldom-told stories of struggles for voting rights and representation, from the Civil War to Suffrage to Civil Rights and more.



The 70.8%: What Explains California's Voter Turnout?

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4pm PT

In 2020, California had its highest voter turnout since 1952; but why? What factors into high and low voter turnout? How have watershed moments in California history affected turnout? We'll explore what voting's past means for California's future.



California Dreamin': How Do Social Movements Reimagine California?

Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 4pm PT

How do artists, writers, and activists help us reimagine California? We will delve into the ideas behind sociopolitical movements -- utopic and dystopic – their catalysts and their implications for California's democracy.



The Fourth Branch: How Does Social Media Affect Election Outcomes?

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 4pm PT

Silicon Valley plays an important role in California's society, economy, and politics. What has been the impact of tech companies on elections and campaigns? How do social media and traditional media interact?



California Youth and the Ballot: What Will 2040 Look Like?

Thursday, April 29 at 7pm PT

To conclude our series, we open the stage to the next generation of California's voters. What are young people doing now to address the issues they care about? What future do they want to build when they come of voting age?

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

All programs are **FREE** and open to the public. Images for social media can be found [here](#).



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