"The Policy Implications of the Fall Elections"

Wednesday, September 28th
12:00 - 1:00pm

We place the upcoming California elections in context by drawing on some important comparisons between California and other states along with contemporary California to its past. We consider the possibility for continued Democratic super-majority status in the legislature, its policy implications, and how public opinion has evolved on important issues that will (or may be) the subject of ballot propositions going forward.

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