



## Examining the Effects of the Ballot Initiative Reform Act

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May 7, 2018 (Monday), 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

The California Civic Engagement Project (CCEP) at UC Davis and the UC Center Sacramento will be cohosting a presentation and panel discussion on May 7th at the UC Center Sacramento. During this event, CCEP director Mindy Romero Ph.D. will present new CCEP research on the Ballot Initiative Transparency Act of 2014 (Senate Bill 1253, or BITA). This new research will examine the impact BITA had on the 2016 ballot initiative process and will provide recommendations for improving public involvement in the ballot initiative process.

Following the research presentation, a panel of state leaders who advocated for the passage of this important reform will be assembled. The panel discussion will be moderated by Kathay Feng, Executive Director of California Common Cause.

In September 2014, California implemented the Ballot Initiative Transparency Act (Senate Bill 1253, or BITA). This act introduced the first major reforms to California's ballot initiative process in recent decades. BITA provides Californians with a 30-day online public comment period, as well as new guidelines regarding the timing of joint legislative public hearings. BITA also allows initiative proponents the opportunity to withdraw their measure at any time before the measure qualifies for the ballot.

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Lunch will be served