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## **Notice of Meeting**

On **Thursday, May 25, 2017**, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on voter participation. The hearing will begin at **9:30 a.m. in Room 2040** of the **State Capitol** in Sacramento.

At this hearing, the Commission will review the current landscape of voters in California to better understand who is participating in California's elections. The Commission also will consider how recent legislative reforms are expected to change the voter participation landscape and explore further opportunities to ease the voter registration process and improve voter turnout, including considering any remaining work and challenges to implementing some of the recent reforms.

The Commission will hear from a panel of researchers about trends in voter participation in California, as well as potential unintended consequences of the state's recent electoral reforms. A panel of local election officials will discuss both opportunities and challenges implementing some of the recently enacted electoral reforms, particularly the Voter's Choice Act. Next, the Commission will hear from civic engagement experts and stakeholders who are actively monitoring progress of both the New Motor Voter Program and the Voter's Choice Act. They will discuss concerns with implementation and share ideas for California's election officials to maximize opportunities for improved voter participation, particularly for traditional underrepresented voter groups. Finally, representatives from the Department of Motor Vehicles, California State Transportation Agency and Office of the California Secretary of State will share their implementation plans and strategies.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per person. The Commission also encourages written comments.

The Commission will convene a business meeting in Room 125 of the State Capitol at approximately 11:30 a.m. The public hearing will reconvene at approximately 12:30 p.m.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, May 18, 2017.



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## Public Hearing on Voter Participation

Thursday, May 25, 2017

State Capitol, Room 2040

Sacramento

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### **Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.**

#### ***California's Voter Participation Landscape and Lessons from Research: Potential Challenges to Implementing Election Reforms***

1. Eric McGhee, Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California
2. Mindy Romero, Director, California Civic Engagement Project, UC Davis Center for Regional Change

#### ***On the Ground: Improving Voter Turnout in California Communities***

3. Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters, Orange County
4. Jill LaVine, Registrar of Voters, Sacramento County
5. Gail Pellerin, County Clerk, Santa Cruz County

#### ***Ensuring Voting Access for Californians With Disabilities***

6. Fred Nisen, Supervising Attorney for Voting Rights, Disability Rights California

#### **BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCH – Room 125 (See below for agenda)**

#### ***Stakeholder Voices: Ensuring Access for All California Voters***

7. Deanna Kitamura, Voting Rights Project Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice
8. Ofelia Medina, Director of State Civic Engagement Policy, NALEO Educational Fund
9. Dora Rose, Senior Director of Civic Engagement, League of Women Voters of California
10. Lori Shellenberger, Consultant, ACLU of California

#### ***Implementing California's Elections Reforms***

11. Bill Davidson, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Motor Vehicles and Ronda Paschal, Deputy Secretary, Legislation, California State Transportation Agency
12. James Schwab, Chief of Legislative Affairs, Office of the California Secretary of State

#### **Business Meeting**

Thursday, May 25, 2017

State Capitol, Room 125

Sacramento, CA 95814

**The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 11:30 a.m. (The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair). Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.**

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2017, and April 27, 2017
- II. State Permitting – Draft Report for Possible Adoption
- III. Subcommittee Reports and Project Selection
- IV. Implementation
- V. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office