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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Announces Members of State Plan Advisory Committee to help Implement the “Help America Vote Act”

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today announced his appointments to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) State Plan Advisory Committee.

“The State Plan Advisory Committee is composed of individuals who are selected for their expertise, knowledge, and because they are interested stakeholders in the elections community,” said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley. “I am determined that HAVA will be implemented in a way that ensures we reverse the trend of low voter participation and that we reconnect citizens to the political process through the ballot box.”

The twenty-three members of the State Plan Advisory Committee are:

Rob McKay (Chair)          McKay Foundation
Michael Alvarez            Professor of Political Science, Caltech
Harley Augustino           Coalition for a Living Wage
Ardis Bazyn                California Association of the Blind
Bob Balgenorth             State Building and Construction Trades Council
Miguel Contreras           Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
Kathay Feng                Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Rosalind Gold              National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials
Cynthia Jones              Exploding Myths, Inc., President
Margaret Jakobson          Protection and Advocacy
Laura Kerr                 California State Student Association
Geoffrey Kors              California Alliance for Pride and Equality
Cynthia McClain-Hill       National Association of Women Business Owners
Conny McCormack            Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Eliseo Medina              Organization of Los Angeles Workers
Chip Nielsen               Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor, LLP
Art Pulaski                California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Ann Reed                   Shasta County Registrar of Voters
Steve Rodermund            Orange County Registrar of Voters
Arturo Rodriguez           United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO
Marion Taylor              League of Women Voters
Ted Wang                   Chinese for Affirmative Action
Dr. Geraldine Washington   NAACP

The purpose of the State Plan Advisory Committee is to seek public input and provide policy guidance to assist the Secretary of State in drafting California’s initial plan for compliance with federal mandates contained in HAVA.

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