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CALIFORNIA'S CHOICES: 2016 BALLOT MEASURES

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Reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Presentation starts at 6:45 p.m.



Bob Stern



Tony Quinn



Ken Miller

California has the nation's most extensive system of direct democracy, as citizens regularly exercise the power to determine important policy issues by direct popular vote. In this election, Californians will vote on an astounding 17 propositions. The topics cover a broad range of subjects, including among other things, the death penalty, legalizing marijuana, criminal sentencing, firearms and ammunition sales, bond funding, cigarette tax, income tax, and open government measures. Two of the state's leading political commentators, Bob Stern and Tony Quinn, will provide expert analysis of these consequential choices. Professor Ken Miller will moderate the discussion and present the Rose Institute's Video Voter series of informational videos produced by the Rose Institute students.

Bob Stern is the co-founder and former president of the Center for Governmental Studies, a California think tank focused on political reform. Stern has been called "the godfather of modern political reform in California." He began drafting and analyzing political reform laws as a staff attorney for the California Legislature's Assembly Elections Committee; he then served as the Elections Counsel to the California Secretary of State's office. He has drafted numerous state initiatives, and was a principal drafter of the City of Los Angeles' Ethics and Public Campaign Financing laws in 1990. He is a graduate of Pomona College and Stanford Law.

Tony Quinn is co-editor of the California Target Book, a non-partisan almanac of California politics. Quinn is an authority on California political trends and demographics. He served three years as an assistant to the California Attorney General, is a former director of the Office of Economic Research in the Department of Commerce, and for five years served as a member of the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Dr. Quinn has written extensively on California politics and elections. He holds degrees from Georgetown University, University of Texas, and Claremont Graduate University.

Ken Miller is a member of the Government Department at CMC and is the Associate Director of the Rose Institute. His research focuses on state government institutions, with emphasis on direct democracy (initiative, referendum, and recall) and the interaction between law and politics. Dr. Miller is a graduate of Pomona College, Harvard Law School, and U.C. Berkeley.