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The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) has given minority groups a powerful tool to compel jurisdictions to switch from at-large to single-member districts so that neighborhood representation results in the racial and ethnic diversification of local governing boards. Participating panelists will be community advocates and their attorneys who have used the CVRA to ensure that minority voters have an equal opportunity to elect representatives in cities, school boards, and special districts throughout California.

- **Denise Hulett**, National Senior Counsel, MALDEF
- **Jonathan Paik**, Orange County Director, Korean Resource Center
- **Pablo Rodríguez**, Executive Director, Communities for a New California Education Fund
- **Mickie Solorio Luna**, City Councilmember, City of Hollister
- **Moderator: Dr. John Dobard**, Manager of Political Voice, Advancement Project California

This panel will also discuss emerging issues regarding how people under conservatorship can keep their right to vote or have their right to vote reinstated, the benefits of a local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC), and how elections can be accessible to voters with disabilities under the requirements of the Voter’s Choice Act (SB 450, 2016).

- **William Moore**, Peer Instructor, We Care A Lot Foundation, The VOTE! Project
- **Fred Nisen**, Supervising Attorney for Voting Rights, Disability Rights California
- **Gail Pellerin**, County Clerk, Santa Cruz County
- **Jose Peña**, Assistive Technology Coordinator, Dayle McIntosh Center
- **Moderator: Lori Shellenberger**, Election Reform and Voting Rights Strategist

Despite having the most immigrant voters in the nation and millions of voters who need some form of language assistance when voting, California still struggles to make its elections fully accessible to its limited-English communities. This panel will analyze the current state of language access in California elections by unveiling a statewide report on language access in the November 2016 election, discuss new Section 203 language determinations, and identify best practices and resources to assist county election officials.

- **Jesse Salinas**, Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Yolo County
- **Deep Singh**, Executive Director, Jakara
- **Jonathan Stein**, Voting Rights Staff Attorney and Program Manager, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus
- **Moderator: Deanna Kitamura**, Voting Rights Project Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles

Fewer than 16 percent of eligible 18- to 24-year-old Californians cast a ballot in the 2014 election, and only about half even registered to vote. Among eligible youth, underrepresented population groups were the least likely to become registered voters. This panel will discuss the outreach, education, and communication strategies needed to reach youth across the state.

- **Mynor Godoy**, Senior Associate, Movement Strategy Center
- **Lizette Mata**, Assistant Chief Deputy, Office of the California Secretary of State
- **Ryan Ronco**, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters, Placer County
- **Emily Rusch**, Executive Director, CALPIRG and CALPIRG Education Fund
- **Moderator: Ofelia Medina**, Director of State Civic Engagement Policy, NALÉO Educational Fund
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G. #GettingitRight: Voting Information for the Modern Electorate

Incredibly, voters are looking online for election information through unofficial channels such as search engines, social media platforms, and civic engagement groups. To limit voter confusion, election officials and third-parties are partnering to provide voters with accurate, up-to-date and official information wherever they look for it. This panel will cover California’s participation in the Voting Information Project, the role non-governmental organizations play in informing voters, and free resources to help get official election information in front of even more voters.

- Maria Bianchi, Project Manager, Voting Information Project, Democracy Works
- Steven Carda, NVRA and Voter Outreach Program Manager, Office of the California Secretary of State
- Samidh Chakrabarti, Product Manager for Civic Engagement, Facebook
- Michael Hogan, Partner Manager, Google
- Moderator: Jen Tolentino, Director of Policy & Civic Technology, Rock the Vote
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