

## PARTICIPANTS

**Astrid Garcia** is deputy director of Future of California Elections. She works with election officials, reform advocates, and civil rights and civic engagement organizations to advance California's democracy. Before she joined Future of California Elections, she was director of redistricting and state election policy for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund. She is a member of the inaugural class of Advancing Latina Leaders in Non Profits—a program of the National Hispana Leadership Institute—and an alumna of the HOPE Leadership Institute. She holds a master's in public affairs and a master's in urban and regional planning from Princeton University, as well as a certificate in nonprofit management from Georgetown University's Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership.

**Ethan Jones** is chief consultant to the California State Assembly's Committee on Elections and Redistricting. He focuses on legislation related to election procedures, redistricting, campaign finance, voting systems, and conflict of interest laws. Before he became chief consultant in 2005, he spent four years on the personal staff of Assemblymember John Longville, dealing with issues including elections, campaign finance, public safety, transportation, infrastructure, flood control, and budget reform. In 2002, he served as the campaign manager for the successful statewide campaign in support of Proposition 43. He is a graduate of Claremont McKenna College.

**Jill LaVine** is registrar of voters for Sacramento County. She is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Division of Voter Registration and Elections. She has served as registrar for almost eleven years and has worked in elections for more than twenty-seven years. In addition to her election duties, she is responsible for the redistricting of the supervisorial boundaries. She is co-chair of the Legislation Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO). On the national level, she is a member of the Election Center, an organization for Election Officials. She holds a Certified Election and Registration Administrator certification from the Election Center and a California Professional Election Administration credential.

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