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## From Marijuana to the Death Penalty: What Nonprofits & Philanthropy Need to Know About California's Ballot Propositions

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 - 10:30am to 11:30am

California Association of Nonprofits, California Philanthropy (Northern California Grantmakers, San Diego Grantmakers, and Southern California Grantmakers), and League of California Community Foundations

### About this event

With 17 State propositions to vote on this November, the idea of studying them all is pretty daunting. So instead, you can listen to some of the smartest nonprofit policy folks in the state discuss the ones most relevant to nonprofits. If you're only going to be part of one discussion this year on ballot propositions, this is the one to do.

We'll take up:

- \* What does it signify that this is the group of propositions Californians are facing this year?
- \* How will these propositions affect nonprofits and their constituencies?
- \* Who is giving the \$452 million that will be spent on campaigning for and against these propositions?
- \* **What are the nonprofit pros and cons on key propositions?**
- \* What can and might your nonprofit do legally to let voters know your positions on various propositions?

As moderator, Jan Masaoka of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits) will be prodding our speakers for their sharpest and most original thoughts on these important matters. She'll be joined by Melissa Breach (League of Women Voters of California), Chris Hoene (California Budget and Policy Center), and Nancy Berlin (CalNonprofits Policy Director). We hope it will feel less like a webinar and more like having a very intriguing and fun lunch discussion.

In case you're wondering about the headline:

- \* Marijuana refers to Prop 64 Marijuana and Prop 61 Prescription Drug Prices, and
- \* Death Penalty refers to Prop 66 Death Penalty Procedures and Prop 62 Death Penalty Repeal.]

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### About the presenters



**Melissa Breach, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of California**

Melissa Breach is Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of California and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund. The League is a statewide membership organization that has been a training ground for Democracy for over 100 years and is also a leading advocate for sound public policy and building a diverse, engaged, and informed electorate. Before joining the League, Melissa was Director of Programs at the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin where she designed and led the acclaimed Emerging Leaders Program and developed the Rethinking Convention Wisdom and Conspiring for the Common Good conferences. In addition, she is an experienced Organizational Development Consultant—with extensive experience consulting and training on the issues of governance, organizational sustainability, and change management.



**Chris Hoene, Executive Director, California Budget and Policy Center**

Chris Hoene became the Budget Center's executive director in October 2012, bringing to the organization 15 years of leadership in state and local policy research and analysis. He leads the strategic direction of the organization, acts as primary spokesperson, and works with the board of directors and community partners to implement our vision and mission. Prior to joining the Budget Center, Chris was director of the Center for Research and Innovation at the National League of Cities in Washington, DC, leading efforts to analyze trends in local and state government and promote constructive policy action on issues including public finance, economic development, housing, poverty reduction, infrastructure, and governance. Chris also previously worked for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC, and the Public Policy Institute of California in San Francisco.



**Nancy Berlin, Policy Director, CalNonprofits**

Nancy Berlin is Policy Director for California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits). She directs and oversees policy initiatives that protect and promote California's nonprofits, including state and federal legislative and administrative issues, and develops and implements campaigns to encourage advocacy and civic engagement among its more than 10,000 organizational members.

Nancy was the former director of California Partnership and project coordinator for the Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger & Homelessness. She is well known to the California nonprofit and advocacy community through her leadership in advocacy in Sacramento and throughout California. Recognitions include Outstanding Public Citizen of the Year Award from the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and the Community Building and Justice Award from Alexandria House.



**Jan Masaoka (Moderator), CEO, CalNonprofits**

Jan Masaoka is CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide policy alliance of more than 10,000 nonprofits speaking to government, philanthropy, and the public at large. CalNonprofits recently released the first-ever economic impact study of California's nonprofits: Causes Count: The Economic Power of California's Nonprofit Sector. With offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, CalNonprofits works with legislators and regulators to strengthen the business and regulatory climate for nonprofits. CalNonprofits also provides health insurance to nearly 19,000 nonprofit staff.