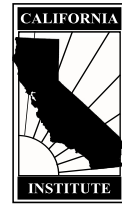




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invite you to attend a

PPIC LUNCHEON BRIEFING

California's Post-Partisan Future

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Room B-338, Rayburn House Office Building

Is the partisan divide in California so deep that Democrats and Republicans cannot move past it and work together? Does the growing trend toward “decline-to-state” voter registration indicate a reshaping of the two-party system? The major parties’ vast differences in ideology and policy preferences on issues such as immigration, health care, the Iraq war, and environmental policy continue to polarize the two parties. With a decline in partisan voters, the independent vote will be critical in this growing nonpartisan electorate.

These and other topics will be addressed at a unique Capitol Hill luncheon forum on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 12:00 noon, in Room B-338 of the Rayburn House Office Building. We invite you to join us to hear from and interact with the following participants:

- Mark Baldassare, President and CEO, PPIC
- Bruce Cain, Executive Director, University of California Washington Center
- Jon Cohen, Director of Polling, *The Washington Post*
- Claudia Deane, Associate Director, Public Opinion & Media Research, Kaiser Family Foundation

Sparking Tuesday’s discussion is Mark Baldassare’s new report, *California’s Post-Partisan Future*. The report is available online at <http://www.ppic.org>, and copies will be available at the event. To attend this briefing (acceptances only), please contact the California Institute 202-974-6384 or rsvp@calinst.org.

Author of numerous publications, Mark Baldassare is an expert in public opinion, including political, social, economic, and environmental attitudes. He founded the PPIC Statewide Survey in 1998 and served as the Institute’s Director of Research until being appointed PPIC’s President and CEO in 2007. Previously, he was a department chair at the University of California, Irvine, where he conducted polls for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Orange County Register*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and California Business Roundtable.

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