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***Luncheon Briefing:  
California's Partisan Divide –  
"Red and Blue" Trends In the Golden State***

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**Wednesday, June 23, 2004  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
U.S. Capitol Building, Room HC-6**

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Among pundits, alarm has been growing that America is in the throes of partisan polarization. Evidently, California is experiencing some of its own. In the past two-to-four years, the gap has widened between Republicans and Democrats on issues of abortion, the environment, immigrants, gay and lesbian rights, poverty, and homeland security and civil liberties.

You are invited to attend a luncheon briefing entitled *California's Partisan Divide – "Red and Blue" Trends in the Golden State*. The briefing will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at 11:30 a.m., in Room HC-6 of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC.

David Lyon, President and CEO of the San Francisco-based Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), will offer opening remarks, and Mark Baldassare, Director of Research and Senior Fellow at PPIC, will outline research findings from PPIC Statewide Surveys that show diverging opinions about trust in government, approval ratings for elected officials, and voter attitudes on fiscal, economic, social, and security issues.

"Many people have pointed to the redrawing of electoral districts as the reason partisanship has increased in the legislature, but we're finding that California's voters are themselves further apart on many issues than they were just a few years ago," comments Mark Baldassare. "If this trend continues, it could make California even more difficult to govern-through representative government or direct democracy."

To attend this luncheon briefing, please reply (acceptances only, thank you) to 202-546-3700, fax to 202-546-2390, or send email to [randsdell@calinst.org](mailto:randsdell@calinst.org).