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***Luncheon Briefing: “California 2025”***

**Thursday, June 16, 2005 – 11:30 am-1:00 pm (note 11:30 am start time)**

**Room B-369, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC**

*featuring remarks by the event’s sponsors:*

***Hon. Buck McKeon (Santa Clarita)***

***Hon. Zoe Lofgren (San Jose)***

***David Lyon, PPIC President***

***Mark Baldassare, PPIC Director of Research***

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There is growing conviction that rapid population growth and repeated budget shortfalls have brought California to a state of disrepair that will soon become a state of emergency. Yet, the public seems largely unaware of the size and implications of this issues. More immediate problems have led policymakers to postpone critical decisions about California’s future, and some proposals to address those immediate problems could limit the state’s ability to face future challenges.

Two years ago, with support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) undertook an ambitious research study to see whether or not the state is facing a growth and infrastructure crisis, how big the problems are, and how to think about planning for the future. PPIC has now completed the project and released a number of products that describe their findings and why they believe every Californian who has the ability to influence policies and programs should become engaged in the debate over the state’s future.

At a Capitol Hill luncheon briefing, in Room B-369 Rayburn on June 16, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., Mark Baldassare, PPIC’s Director of Research, will outline the findings of the *California 2025* project (<http://www.ppic.org>). The project describes the trends, shows where they’re leading, and puts some options on the table to stimulate a discussion starting with the simple, but hard, question: What kind of California do you want? The study concludes that we haven’t reached a crisis—yet—but trends and forces are building that could seriously erode the quality of life in California in the next two decades. The authors note that, “It is imperative to begin asking some hard questions and making some well-informed, careful choices now. Otherwise, the future we get by default may not be the future we want for ourselves or the next generations of Californians.”

To attend Thursday’s luncheon briefing, (acceptances only, thank you) call 202-546-3700, or send email to [ransdell@calinst.org](mailto:ransdell@calinst.org)