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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

James C. Harrison, Partner, Remcho, Johansen & Purcell

James Harrison joined Remcho, Johansen & Purcell in 1997 as an associate and is now a Partner in the firm. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1992. He is a graduate of Duke University (B.A., cum laude, 1988) and the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (J.D., 1992). Prior to joining Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, Mr. Harrison was a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster for four years.

Mr. Harrison has represented a variety of clients in public policy and constitutional litigation. He has represented the proponents and opponents of ballot measures in pre- and post- election challenges, including the successful defense of Proposition 71 (California Family Bioethics Council v. California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, 147 Cal.App.4th 1319 (2007)) and Proposition 10 (California Assoc. of Retail Tobacconists v. State, 109 Cal. App. 4th 792 (2003)) and successful challenges to Proposition 213 (Horwich v. Superior Court, 21 Cal. 4th 272 (1999)) and Proposition 208 (California Pro-life Council Political Action Committee v. Scully, 164 F.3d 1189 (9th Cir. 1999)). He represented the California Legislature in litigation involving the 2000 Census and redistricting and has represented the State Controller in actions relating to the authority of retirement boards and the Unclaimed Property Law. Mr. Harrison's appellate experience includes arguments in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court, and California courts of appeal.

Mr. Harrison has represented numerous state, local and federal candidates in connection with election law, campaign finance, and enforcement. He advises on compliance issues with the California Political Reform Act and public meeting and public record laws and has represented public officials and public agencies in conflict of interest matters. He has been involved in drafting numerous ballot measures, including, Proposition 26, Proposition 82, Proposition 87, and Proposition 93. He has also represented numerous ballot measure committees in California. From January 2005 through March 2007 he served as general counsel to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and he continues to serve as special counsel to the agency.

Steven Hill, Director, Political Reform Program, New America Foundation

Steven Hill is Director of the Political Reform Program at the New America Foundation, which seeks to identify and develop the best opportunities for political and electoral reform, educate opinion leaders and the public about electoral alternatives, and encourage the formation of a broad-based coalition for reform.

Mr. Hill is author of *10 Steps to Repair American Democracy* and his previous books include *Fixing Elections: The Failure of America's Winner Take All Politics* and *Whose Vote Counts*. His next book, *Europe's Promise: Why the European Way Is the Best Hope for an Insecure Age*, will be published in August 2009. Mr. Hill's articles and commentaries have appeared in *the New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Prospect*, *The Guardian*, *American Prospect*, *The Nation*, *Prague Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle* and other leading publications. Mr. Hill has appeared on national and local radio and television programs, and has lectured widely in the United States and Europe. He has been a leading force for political reform in the United States for many years. Mr. Hill received a B.A. from Yale University in 1982.

John Grubb, Senior Vice President, Bay Area Council

John Grubb is the Senior Vice President of External Affairs for the Bay Area Council. John worked to transform a small-scale media program into a key focus for the Council that has generated more than 2000 print and broadcast stories each year. He helped formulate and execute many of the Council's successful advocacy campaigns that have improved the lives of millions of Bay Area residents, and currently also staffs the Council's China Initiative. John previously worked at Hill and Knowlton, and Porter Novelli, two of the world's largest public relations agencies. Prior to his communications work, he founded, owned and managed a bar and restaurant in Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica. His best selling drink was a coconut margarita, and to this day he has not revealed his secret recipe.

John volunteers his time on the Board of the Alzheimer's Association - Northern California and Northern Nevada, he Chairs the SF Public Relations Round Table (the oldest PR organization in America), and he is a member of the Executive Committee of the campaign for SMART (the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit). A Vanderbilt University graduate, he and his wife Koren live in San Rafael with their daughter Natasha and son Jack.

Tomás Jiménez, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Stanford University & Fellow, New America Foundation

Tomás Jiménez is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Stanford University. His research and teaching focus on immigration, assimilation, social mobility, and identity. In 2005, he was the American Sociological Association Congressional Fellow in the office of Rep. Michael Honda (D-CA), where he served as a legislative aide for immigration, veterans' affairs, housing, and

election reform. Dr. Jiménez's writing has appeared in numerous scholarly journals, and he has contributed editorials to the *Los Angeles Times* and *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. He holds a B.S. in sociology from Santa Clara University and A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from Harvard University.

As a California-based Fellow at the New American Foundation, Dr. Jiménez will write about the role of government in immigrant assimilation.

Thad Kousser, Professor of Political Science, University of California at San Diego

Thad Kousser is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California at San Diego. He focuses his research on State Politics, Legislatures and Legislative Elections, and California Politics. This coming year, he will be a fellow at the Bill Lane Center at Stanford University directing a research effort focused on constitutional reform in California.

Kousser joined the faculty of UCSD in 2003. His publications include work on term limits, the initiative process, voting by mail, reapportionment, campaign finance laws, the blanket primary, health care policy, and European Parliament elections. He is the author of *Term Limits and the Dismantling of State Legislative Professionalism* (Cambridge University Press, 2005), a co-author of *Adapting to Term Limits: Recent Experiences and New Directions* (Public Policy Institute of California, 2004), a co-editor of *The New Political Geography of California* (Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2008), and a co-author of *The Logic of American Politics*, 4th Edition (Congressional Quarterly Press). He is a recipient of the UC San Diego Academic Senate's Distinguished Teaching Award, serves as co-editor of the journal *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, and has worked as a staff assistant in the California, New Mexico, and United States Senates. He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley in 2002.

Mark Paul, Deputy Director & Senior Scholar, California Program, New America Foundation

Mark Paul is an award-winning writer, editor, and policy expert with wide experience in journalism and California state government and politics. He covered California for 24 years, first as Editorial Page Editor and National Editor of the *Oakland Tribune*, then as Deputy Editorial Page Editor and columnist for the *Sacramento Bee*, where he wrote extensively about fiscal policy, health care, economics, urban development, and political reform. He won the 2000 Best in the West award for editorial writing about California policy. After leaving the *Bee*, he served as Deputy Treasurer and Policy Director in the California State Treasurer's Office and as Policy Director for the 2006 gubernatorial campaign of Phil Angelides.

Paul received his B.A. and a master's degree in history from Stanford University. He has taught international relations and modern U.S. history at Simon Fraser University and Stanford University, and was an editor of *Inquiry*, a magazine published by the Cato Institute. He is the author of "Diplomacy Delayed: The Atomic Bomb and the Division of Korea, 1945," in *Child of*

Conflict: The Korean-American Relationship, 1945-1953. His articles and commentaries have also appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Inquiry*, and *Mother Jones*. A Visiting Scholar at the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, Paul is currently working on a book on political reform in California.

Fred Silva, Senior Fiscal Policy Advisor

Fred Silva is *California Forward's* senior fiscal policy advisor. Having spent 40 years in the development of public policy in state and local government, Fred is an expert in state and local finance, government operations, and the history of the state and local fiscal relationship in California.

Prior to working with *California Forward*, Fred was a fiscal policy advisor to New California Network and previously senior advisor on governmental relations for the Public Policy Institute of California. From 1994 to 1996, Fred was executive secretary to the California Constitution Revision Commission, where he directed the staff work and wrote the final report of the Commission. He was chief fiscal advisor to the President pro Tempore of the California State Senate from 1981 to 1994. He also was chief consultant to the Senate Local Government Committee from 1975 to 1981.

He has authored nearly two dozen publications and commentaries regarding government fiscal issues in California. Fred holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from San Jose State University.