

# 2021 MUNICIPAL LAW INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM

*Presented by the League of California Cities, the California Constitution Center,  
the Institute of Governmental Studies, Hastings Law Journal and  
the Bar Association of San Francisco*

**Friday, March 5, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

## **CONVERGING EMERGENCIES:**

### **Applying Lessons Learned for the Municipal Practitioner**

#### **Program Schedule**

**9:00-9:15a**     **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Isaac Rosen, Committee Chair, Municipal Law Institute Committee

**9:15-10:15a**     **Keynote Address - After the 2020 Election, What's Next for American Democracy?**

Richard L. Hasen, Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of California, Irvine, and an expert in election law, will address the question, "After the 2020 Election, What's Next for American Democracy?" He will provide his views on how the election system and American democracy fared in the unprecedented 2020 election, and what steps can be taken to build public trust in elections across the political spectrum.

**10:15-10:20a**     **Break**

**10:20-11:35a**     **Fiscal Impacts and Shortfalls in Local Budgets**

Buck Delventhal's vision for local finance and how it applies to today's challenges, including the evolving landscape on citizen tax initiatives and other strategies to raise local revenue.

- **Moderators: David A. Carrillo and Sandra Lee**
- Panelists:
  - Timothy Bittle, Director of Legal Affairs, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
  - David A. Carrillo, Executive Director, California Constitution Center, Berkeley Law
  - Steven Mayer, Senior Counsel, Arnold & Porter
  - Scott Reiber, Chief Tax Attorney, City and County of San Francisco
  - Professor Darien Shanske, UC Davis School of Law

**11:35-11:40a**     **Break**

**11:40a-12:10p**     **Attorney Development and Succession Committee**

Jennifer Mizrahi, ADSC Committee Member, City Attorney, Desert Hot Springs  
Deepa Sharma, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

**12:10-1:10p      Lunch on Your Own**

**1:15-2:30p      Housing and Land Use Equity**

Analyzing California's legislative responses to the housing supply and affordability crisis, in the context of both a pandemic and a growing call for racial justice in housing and land use policies.

- **Moderator: Isaac Rosen**
- Panelists:
  - Michael Lens, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
  - Stephen Menendian, Assistant Director and Director of Research at the Othering & Belonging Institute at the University of California, Berkeley
  - Diana Varat, Of Counsel at Richards, Watson, Gershon, and Lecturer, Department of Urban Studies & Planning, California State University, Northridge

**2:30-2:35p      Break**

**2:35-3:50p      Policing**

A conversation between activists and practitioners about the problems facing policing in 2021. This panel will provide a 360 degree perspective on some of the issues that came to a head in 2020, including calls for racial justice and systemic racism, use of force, and the need for reform.

- **Moderators: Anais Martinez Aquino and Darren C. Ziegler**
- Panelists:
  - Arif Alikhan, President & Chief Counsel, TacLogix, Inc. Former Dir. of Constitutional Policing & Policy, LAPD
  - LeRonne Armstrong, Chief of Police, Oakland Police Department
  - Eric S. Casher, Principal, Meyers Nave, City Attorney, Pinole
  - Lateefah Simon, BART Board of Directors President

**3:50-3:55p      Break**

**3:55-5:10p      Social Unrest**

A discussion of First Amendment, civil rights and related issues arising out of the implementation and enforcement of protest and demonstration measures in times of social unrest.

- **Moderators: John Abaci and Dion O'Connell**
- Panelists:
  - Duane E. Bennett, Law Office of Duane E. Bennett
  - Robert Cha, Deputy Chief, Branch Operations Division, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
  - Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney, Portland City Attorney's Office

**5:10-5:15p      Closing Remarks**

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