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Panel to Explore California’s Political Gridlock

Sacramento, CA – April 1, 2011: On Wednesday, May 4th, the Center for Sacramento History, in association with the Sacramento History Foundation, will host a panel discussion with the authors of the recent book, *Remaking California: Reclaiming the Public Good*. The panel will delve into the causes of California’s governmental gridlock, the effects on its citizens and environment, and prospects for restoring a healthy democracy. The event, *Remaking California: Breaking Political Gridlock*, will be held at the Jean Runyon Little Theater in Memorial Auditorium (1515 J Street, Sacramento); doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. The event is open to the public; a $5.00 donation is requested at the door.

The panel includes: Dr. Jeffrey Lustig, emeritus professor of government, California State University, Sacramento; Dan Walters, political columnist for the *Sacramento Bee*; Lenny Goldberg, executive director of the California Tax Reform Association; and Osha Meserve, a Sacramento attorney specializing in environmental matters.

The speakers will examine the problems of how California is governed – from the constraints of the state’s current constitution and the implications of Proposition 13, to the ails of the Delta and the challenge of meeting the needs of a diverse population. The evening will shed

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light on why reforming California state governance is important; how it should be done, and why Sacramentans should care about these issues.

The authors will sign copies of the book, *Remaking California*, at the conclusion of the presentation. The book will be available for purchase that evening; cost is $15.00, cash or check only please.

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