



Joint Informational Hearing:
Assembly Elections Committee and
Senate Elections & Constitutional Amendments Committee
Assemblymember Berman and Senator Glazer, Chairs

Subject: Evaluating California's Recall Process

October 28, 2021, 1:00 PM
State Capitol, Room 4202

Agenda

I. Opening Statements and Introductions

II. Why Change the Recall Process? Politically Diverse Perspectives.

- a. Dr. Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State
- b. Bruce McPherson, Santa Cruz County Supervisor, former California Secretary of State (2005-2007)
- c. Martha M. Escutia, former California Senator (1998-2006) & Assemblymember (1992-1998)
- d. Jim Cunneen, former California Assemblymember (1994-2000)

III. Recall Procedures in Other States.

- a. Ben Williams, Esq., Program Principal, Elections and Redistricting Program, National Conference of State Legislatures

IV. Should the Signature Threshold to Qualify a Recall, and the Time for Collecting Those Signatures, Be Changed?

- a. David A. Carrillo, Executive Director, California Constitution Center, University of California, Berkeley
- b. Bill Whalen, Virginia Hobbs Carpenter Distinguished Policy Fellow in Journalism, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

V. What Should Be the Process for Replacing a Recalled Official?

- a. Jessica A. Levinson, Professor of Law and Director Public Service Institute, Loyola Law School – Topic: *Replacement candidate qualifications should be changed.*
- b. Thad Kousser, Professor of Political Science and Co-Director, Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research, University of California, San Diego – Topic: *There should be two elections: one for the recall question, and, if needed, a second election for replacement candidates.*
- c. Dr. Karthick Ramakrishnan, Professor of Public Policy, University of California, Riverside – Topic: *A recall election should consist of a single question in which voters are asked to select a replacement candidate, with the incumbent allowed to appear among the list of replacement candidates.*
- d. Bob Stern, Former President, Center for Governmental Studies – Topic: *If the Governor is recalled, the Lieutenant Governor should replace the Governor.*

VI. Public Testimony

VII. Closing Remarks