

Meet our 2018 Keynote Speaker



BOB STERN

Bob Stern is past President of the Center for Governmental Studies, a Los Angeles based group that wrote model laws to improve the government process for nearly 30 years. He was the co-author of numerous books, including the Center's study: "Democracy by Initiative: Shaping California's Fourth Branch of Government." Stern was the first general counsel of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, the agency in charge of administering California's campaign disclosure, ethics and lobbying laws.

He recently taught a course at UCLA Extension to 90 students called "The Trump Presidency: the Good, the Bad and the Unknown" and has taught "Current Events" at Santa Monica Emeritus and "The November Election: 2016" at UCLA Extension.

He was a principal co-author of the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Proposition 9), passed by 70% of California voters, and called by the 2015 book *Game Changers*, one of the 12 most important election results in California history. In addition, Stern was a principal drafter of the City of Los Angeles' Ethics and Public Campaign Financing law, passed by Los Angeles voters in 1990.

The Washington Monthly magazine described him as a "campaign finance guru," and Peter Schrag, in the Sacramento Bee, called Stern the "godfather of modern political reform in California."

He was the President of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws, an organization consisting of state, federal, Canadian and local agencies that regulate campaign finance, ethics and lobbying laws.

In 2006, he was given the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Education Fund Voter Participation Leadership Award for campaign finance reform. He has also been honored by Pomona College and California Common Cause.

Stern is a graduate of Pomona College and Stanford Law School.

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