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# Racial Justice Issues Today and in the Future:

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# Moderator – Wade Ellis

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- These questions will be reviewed by the moderator, possibly grouped together, and then presented to one or both of our speakers **after both presentations.**

# Agenda

10:00-10:03am	Welcome & Introducing the moderator
10:03-10:10am	Introduction of Series and Topics
10:10-10:30am	Dr Gray & Ms Cisneros-Diaz
10:30-10:50am	Dr Weber
10:50-11:10am	Q/A
11:10-11:15am	Closing



# Two Presentations

## **What is Meant by Racial Justice?**

Presented by Dr. Dulce Maria Gray  
and Ms. Rebecca Cisneros-Diaz

## **What is California doing to Solve Racial Problems?**

Presented by Dr. Shirley Weber

# Speaker - Dr. Dulce Maria Gray

Dr. Dulce Maria Gray comes from a long line of immigrants who have moved widely in the world and that is one reason why she felt compelled to complete a doctoral program in Cultural/Global Studies. She has taught literature, composition, American Studies, Feminist Theories, and Critical Theories to undergraduate and graduate students at universities on the east coast and the Midwest. For the last 17 years, she has been a faculty member in the English department, the Women, Gender and Queer Studies program, and the Social Justice Studies program at West Valley College where she consistently delivers her courses in face-to-face, hybrid, and online modes. All of her teaching and scholarship is informed and guided by principles in Global Citizenship, Feminist Theories, and Social Justice Studies. She is pleased to be here with you today.

# Speaker - Rebecca Cisneros-Diaz

Rebecca Cisneros-Diaz is a proud Mexican American San Jose native. She is a first generation American and a first generation college graduate. She attended Lincoln High School and then went to St. Mary's College in Moraga, CA, where she received her bachelor's degree in English. She went directly to the University of Vermont where she earned her master's degree in Rhetoric and Composition. She has been teaching at West Valley College for over twenty years. For 13 years, she coordinated the Puente Program, which works to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees and return to the community as mentors and leaders to future generations. She has also taught in the Women, Gender, and Queer Studies department for over a decade, and is working on growing the Social Justice department at West Valley College to include Ethnic Studies courses. She serves as a mentor to Puente students and is a devoted social justice EduActivist. Currently she is on sabbatical for a year, working on a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University.





# What is Meant by Racial Justice?

- A discussion of a variety of racial justice issues.

# Speaker – Dr. Shirley Weber

Shirley Nash Weber, Ph.D. was nominated to serve as California Secretary of State by Governor Gavin Newsom on December 22, 2020 and sworn into office on January 29, 2021. She is California's first Black Secretary of State and only the fifth African American to serve as a state constitutional officer in California's 170-year history.

# What is California Doing to Solve Racial Problems?

- Question 1: What are your personal experiences with Racial Justice?

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- Question 2: As Secretary of State, what are your goals with respect to Racial Justice?

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- Question 3: What are the legal reforms being made in California that will affect Racial Justice?

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- Question 4: What do you see as prospects for additional changes in the future?

# Questions from the Audience



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**THANK YOU !**  
Audience and Speakers



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**VOTER SUPPRESSION**

**(Redistricting and Gerrymandering)**

**OCTOBER: Sat. 16th@10:00am**

Speakers: Ann Ravel

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