Many local issues have no obvious "Left" or "Right", "Red" or "Blue" solution. The electorate holds government officials accountable for finding tangible solutions to challenging problems. Success depends on working directly and effectively with their constituencies. A stellar panel of UC Berkeley alumni moderated by Dean Henry Brady will discuss how politicians handle problems at the local level and the realistic opportunities for fostering civility and cross-party cooperation among voters.

Henry E. Brady is Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy and Class of 1941 Monroe Deutsch Professor of Political Science and Public Policy. A political scientist and economist, Brady is past president of the American Political Science Association and former director of UC's Survey Research Center.

Hon. Frank M. Jordan was mayor of the City & County of San Francisco from 1992-96. Prior to that he was San Francisco’s Chief of Police from 1986-90. After leaving public office he was Special Advisor to the President of the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation and recently founded Frank M. Jordan & Associates.

Hon. Garrad Marsh (BA ’78, MBA ’86) is the Mayor of Modesto and a lifelong resident. He was appointed to the City of Modesto Planning Commission in 2002, and served until he was elected to the Modesto City Council. For the past twenty-seven years, he has been President and General Manager of the McHenry Bowl, a company that provides over fifty area jobs.

Hon. Jennifer West (MPP ’12) is Mayor of Emeryville and has served on the City Council since 2009. She earned her Bachelors degree in East Asian Studies at Wesleyan University, a certificate in education at McGill University and her MPP from the Goldman School. Before running for political office she taught elementary school in the public schools for 13 years.
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