



# A Generation of Widening Inequality: Implications for Budget and Policy Priorities

## Preliminary Agenda

### March 20, 2008

- 8:00-8:45      **Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00-9:10      **Welcome and Overview**  
**Jean Ross**, executive director, California Budget Project
- 9:10-10:30    **Morning Plenary**  
A Generation of Widening Inequality: Implications for Budget and Policy Priorities
- Speakers:**  
**Mark Greenberg**, director, Poverty and Prosperity Program, Center for American Progress  
**Jean Ross**, executive director, California Budget Project
- 10:45-12:00   **Workshops**
- Budget Cuts and Health Reform: What's Next?
  - Closing the Gap: The 2008-09 State Budget
  - Federal Tax Policy 101: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Federal Tax Issues
  - How Are California's Regions Weathering the Economic Slowdown?
  - It's the Economy Stupid!: How to Understand and Talk About the Economy
- 12:15-1:45    **Lunch Plenary**  
Beyond the Horizon: Financing a Stronger California
- Speaker: Bill Lockyer**, treasurer, State of California

2:00-3:15

**Workshops**

- Federal Tax Policy and the Future: How Current Tax Proposals Could Impact Federal and State Services
- Foreclosing the Future? Responding to California's Housing Challenges
- A Generation of Widening Inequality: The Impact on California's Workers and Their Families
- Getting Down to Facts: The Future of School Finance
- It's the Economy Stupid!: How to Understand and Talk About the Economy

3:25-5:00

**Afternoon Plenary**

Bridging the Gap: The 2008-09 Budget and Beyond

**Speakers:**

**Denise Moreno Ducheny**, chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review

**Vincent Brown**, chief deputy director, budget, Department of Finance

5:00-6:00

**Reception**

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