



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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