



All Politics Are Local

The Good, the Bad, the Ugly of Local Government
Decision-Making in California

Presented by: Jason Dominguez

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Covarrubias Adobe / Santa Barbara Historical Museum
713 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara

Have you wondered why some cities have police and others sheriffs? Why some always hold their elections in odd years? Or whether redistricting impacts you more than district elections? In this course, we'll discuss who gets elected and when, what they can do and why, checks and balances, abuse of power, and related topics, including the power of the Mayor relative to the City Manager, how incentive structures fail, and how school, city, and county governments function. We'll also identify where they overlap,



compete, and cooperate. In addition we'll look at campaign finance regulations and officials' salaries, and how they might influence who governs. We will also discuss upcoming ballot measures, such as ranked choice voting and the split-roll, the census, and much more.

----- **Preferred registration deadline* : January 7, 2020** -----

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: All Politics Are Local

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Jason graduated from Stanford University and UC Berkeley, with a focus on environmental law. He is a strong believer in community service and has been involved with several community-based organizations, such as Worth Street Reach and animal rescue groups. He has served on the board of directors for Leadership Santa Barbara, the American Bar Association's Committee for Pro Bono Service, and the Stanford University Chicano Latino Alumni Association, among other groups.

VISTAS Calendar — Winter/Spring 2020

Seminar/Event	Inclusive dates	Time	Venue
Vistas Winter Social	Saturday, January 25	2:00 pm	Music Academy of the West
Nonfiction Book Club	2nd Thursday monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte / Sierra Madre Lounge
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thursday monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Lesser-Known Heroes and Rogues II	Weds., Jan. 15, 22, 29	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
All Politics Are Local	Tues., Jan. 21	9:30 am	Covarrubias Adobe/SB Historical Mus.
The Scientific Revolution	Mon., Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Bethany Congregational Church
"Things About S.B.'s Past I Never Knew!"	Tues., Feb. 4	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church
Donizetti's Three Queens	Wed., Feb. 12, 19, 26	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Free Speech, Zoning, Constitutional Law	Mon., Feb. 24, March 2, 9	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
SBCC Theatre trip: <i>The Curious Incident</i> ...	Sun., Mar. 1	2:00 pm	SBCC / Garvin Theatre
Annual Short Story Discussion Group	Weds., Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25	1:00 pm	Valle Verde / Social Room
Opera SB trip: <i>Il Postino</i>	Sun., Mar. 8	1:45 pm	Lobero Theatre
Three Important Economic Issues	Tues., Mar. 17, 24, 31	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Spirituals, Dance Bands, and Hot Solos	Wed., Apr. 1, 8, 15	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
"Sounds Good! But Does It Really Work?"	Mon., Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27	9:30 am	Vista del Monte / Sierra Madre Lounge
Opera SB trip: <i>Roméo et Juliette</i>	Sun., May 3	1:45 pm	Lobero Theatre
Let's Talk Art!	Mon., May 4, 11, 18	9:30 am	Bethany Congregational Church
Accidental Presidents	Weds., May 13, 20	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church