

**My FREE SPEECH in My Front Yard
but Your CHURCH in My Back Yard?
... and Other Gnawing Questions in Constitutional Law**

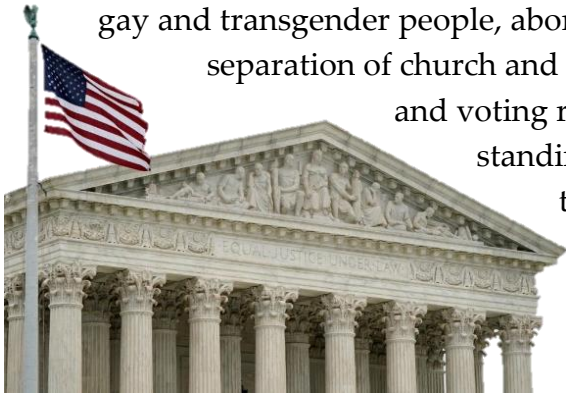
Presented by: David Bisno

**Mondays, February 24, March 2, and March 9, 2020
9:30 a.m. – 12 noon**

Music Academy of the West, 1070 Fairway Road, Santa Barbara

How do Santa Barbara’s zoning ordinances interplay with our free speech, and how do they square with the capitulations occasionally demanded by federal law of this city and its citizens? Are we justified in the expectation that Santa Barbara’s zoning laws will protect our quiet neighborhoods in the face of the *Religious Freedom Restoration Act*, the *Religious Land Use Act*, and the desire by some in our community to erect large sanctuaries in quiet residential neighborhoods, claiming their right to the “Free Exercise of their Religion”?

And then there are the thorny issues of whether the federal ban on sex discrimination includes gay and transgender people, abortion rights, Second Amendment gun control, the separation of church and state, affirmative action, the limits on water pollution and voting rights. By mid-winter we may have a better understanding of what financial records a US President must release to the public, the meaning of “high crimes and misdemeanors,” and just how much interference with a judicial process is “obstruction of justice,” but with that “better understanding” still reason enough for spirited discussion. We invite you to join us.



Preferred registration deadline*: February 10, 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: Free Speech, Zoning, and Other Con. Law Issues

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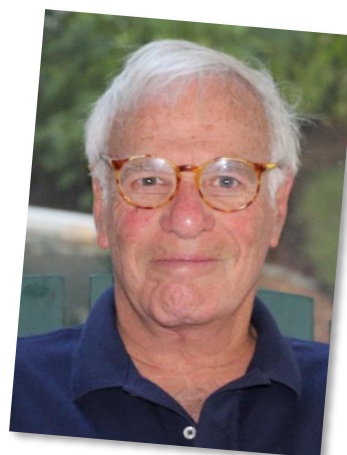
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David Bisno, M.D., a retired ophthalmologist with degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth, and the Washington University School of Medicine, has been an enthusiastic discussion leader for 27 years within institutes for lifelong learning across our country and overseas. As one of the founding members of VISTAS, David has led one or more discussion courses for our organization every year since 1999.

Having studied constitutional law at the Harvard Law School with Laurence Tribe and in Williamsburg at the Law School of the College of William and Mary, David has honed his abilities to make clear to all of us in an entertaining manner the subtle nuances and competing interests inherent in constitutional law. Applying “*strict scrutiny*,” we will come to appreciate why we have a “*compelling interest*” in the interpretation of “*those wise restraints which make men free.*”



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