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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **National Academy of Public Administration and University of Southern California's Price School of Public Policy Hold Forum on Challenges Facing State Governments**

*"Governing Across the Divide" Event to Focus on Environmental & Healthcare Policies*

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration and the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy will hold a one-day forum in Sacramento, California on August 29<sup>th</sup> to examine the challenges facing state governments, particularly in the areas of environmental and healthcare policy, as well as the changing role of states in the U.S. intergovernmental system.

"Our last election exposed an electorate dramatically divided across many categories—geography, income, education, race, and gender, to name a few—with very different perspectives on the nation's best path to the future," said Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. "We want to gather the best and the brightest in order to learn more about how states can best govern across the divide."

During this first of four regional *Governing Across the Divide* events initiated by the Academy, government officials, academics and thought leaders from across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors will debate the changing roles of states in the areas of environmental policy and programs, health care, and their relationships with local government partners. The forum will focus on identifying both best practices and the gaps and obstacles that hinder states from taking the actions they believe are necessary to meet the needs of their populations.

"We are honored to host the launch of *Governing Across the Divide* in California's state Capitol and to participate in asking critical questions at a critical point in our history," said Jack H. Knott, dean of the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy.

The four-part *Governing Across the Divide* series seeks to draw out the governance challenges facing leaders at the federal, state, and local levels and propose a national agenda for improving the government's effectiveness in delivering services to its citizens. Additional events will take place in the fall in Texas, New York and the Washington, DC area.

To register to attend, please click [here](#).

**WHAT:** Governing Across the Divide – A look at the challenges facing state governments and examining the changing role of states in our intergovernmental system

**WHEN:** August 29, 2017  
8:30 am – 6:15 pm PT (a reception will follow)

**WHERE:** The Sutter Club  
1220 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**WHO:** Speakers and panelists include:  
**Xavier Becerra**, Attorney General, State of California  
**Diana Dooley**, Secretary, California Dept. of Health and Human Services  
**Matthew Rodriguez**, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency  
**Chad Mayes**, Republican Leader, California State Assembly  
**Greg Devereaux**, City Manager, City of San Bernardino, California  
**Chris Hoene**, Executive Director, California Budget and Policy Center  
**Peter Lee**, Executive Director, Covered California  
**Sandra Archibald**, Dean, Evans School of Public Policy, University of Washington-Seattle  
**William Pound**, Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislatures  
**Thomas Reilly**, Director, Nevada Board of Regents  
**Jack Knott**, Dean, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California  
**Terry Gerton**, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration

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