



The Initiative/Referendum Process and the Propositions on the Ballot in November 2016

Presented by: **Ted Anagnoson**

Three Thursdays
September 29, October 6, & 13, 2016

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Goleta Library
500 N. Fairview Ave, Goleta

Seventeen propositions will appear on the November 2016 ballot, on topics that range from complex state tax matters to the use of plastic bags for your groceries, from legalizing marijuana use to the death penalty and - yes, it is actually there - a proposition to require the use of condoms in adult films shot in California (!!).

We will discuss six propositions per class, their arguments pro and con, along with their supporters and those opposed. I stated in the last class we did on propositions in 2014 that the initiative process is “the most manipulated political process in America,” but I don’t know that I can sustain this argument given what is going on in the presidential race.

We’ll also discuss the process by which you get an initiative on the ballot, potential reforms to this process, and generally what is going on and the underlying processes at the state and federal levels of government. I don’t have a recommendation for you on the presidential race, and not really even on the propositions - but by the time you finish this course, you should have the information to make your own informed judgments on everything on the ballot in November.



Deadline for registration: September 22nd

Enrollment Form: Initiative Process- Sept 29, Oct 6, & 13
VISTAS Members \$35 - Nonmembers \$52.50

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Name(s): _____

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Mail registration form to:
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BIOGRAPHY: *Ted Anagnoson* received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Rochester in upstate New York and taught at Cal State LA and UCSB for 40 years. He is professor emeritus in political science from Cal State LA.

In retirement, he is the editor of the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association quarterly newsletter, a periodic visiting professor of political science at UCSB, and an instructor at VISTAS.

Ted is also the 2016-2017 President of VISTAS Lifelong Learning.



This is the 2016 version of a course VISTAS has offered every two years since 2012.

VISTAS Calendar			
Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Annual Picnic	Sunday, September 11	12:30 pm	Tuckers Grove
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Cinematographic Elections	Mon, Sept 12,19,26	9:30 am	Maravilla Theater
Initiative/Referendum Process	Thur, Sept 29, Oct 6,13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Trials of the Century	Mon, Oct 10-Nov 14	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Poetry & Metaphor	Tues, Oct 18,25, Nov 1	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
LGBT/Transgender/Transsexual: What Is Being Taught in College Courses Today?	Tues, Oct 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Post Election Analysis	Thurs, Nov 10	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
Eleanor Roosevelt	Wed, Nov 16	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Brazil's Econ/Political	TBD	TBD	TBD