



# Marin Ranked Voting

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## **Debra Bowen to Speak at Election Reform Forum on September 15**

Secretary of State Debra Bowen will be the keynote speaker at a public forum on election reform on Saturday, September 15, at 7:00pm at the College of Marin.

The forum is titled “Bring Democracy Home: Election Reforms That Empower Voters”.

Five leading election reform activists will present their approaches to improving elections. The issues discussed will include integrity of election administration; fair representation and instant runoff voting; ballot access; media coverage and access to debates; and campaign finance reform.

The panelists are:

- Sherry Healy, Co-Founder of the California Election Protection Network
- Steven Hill, Director of the Political Reform Program, New America Foundation, and author of *Ten Steps to Repair American Democracy*
- Daniel I. Medress, Field Organizer with the California Clean Money Campaign
- Peter Phillips, Professor of Sociology at Sonoma State University and Director of Project Censored
- Richard Winger, Editor of *Ballot Access News*

This panel will be moderated by Laura Wells, a member of the Oakland Measure O campaign and candidate for State Controller in 2006.

The forum will be in Olney Hall on the Kentfield Campus of the College of Marin. From Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, turn south on College Avenue. The main campus parking lot is on the right, opposite the post office. From there, Olney Hall is north on College Avenue at the main entrance to the campus.

The event is sponsored by Marin Ranked Voting and Students for Social Responsibility, and endorsed by Californians for Electoral Reform, the New America Foundation, and Project Censored.

Admission is free.

*Marin Ranked Voting is a nonpartisan group of Marin County residents working to make government more representative of all citizens. It promotes better methods of choosing public officials in which voters can rank candidates in order of preference.*

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