

The Policy Café

June 4: Perspectives on Health Care Reform



~ Our Host ~



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~ Today's Menu ~

Federal health care reform has passed. Now, the state and county must prepare our systems to meet ambitious deadlines and massive expectations. Today's café will focus on how LA and California can successfully prepare for reform while continuing to address their respective budget woes.



Zev Yaroslavsky is a member of the LA County Board of Supervisors, representing two million residents of the western part of LA County. Prior to his election to the Board in 1994, he served on the LA City Council since 1975. He earned an M.A. in British Imperial History and a B.A. in Economics and History, both from U.C.L.A.



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Walter Zelman is our moderator, and Chair of the Department of Health Science at California State University Los Angeles. He is a widely-published expert in health policy, focusing on the uninsured, managed care, and health care costs. His most recent publication is on California's failed attempt at universal coverage. Dr. Zelman is also vice-chair of the Board of Governors for L.A. Care Health Plan.

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