

# The Policy Café

March 12: California's Budget Reform



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The economic downturn has revealed the volatile nature of the state's fiscal affairs. Beyond talk of cuts and consequences, today's conversation will address how California can reform its budget, tax, and decision-making structures to solve our budget woes.



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**Howard Kahn** is our moderator, and the CEO of L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation's largest public health plan. Currently, Howard is the first public plan CEO to chair the California Association of Health Plans, and he also sits on the Prop 63 Mental Health Commission.

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