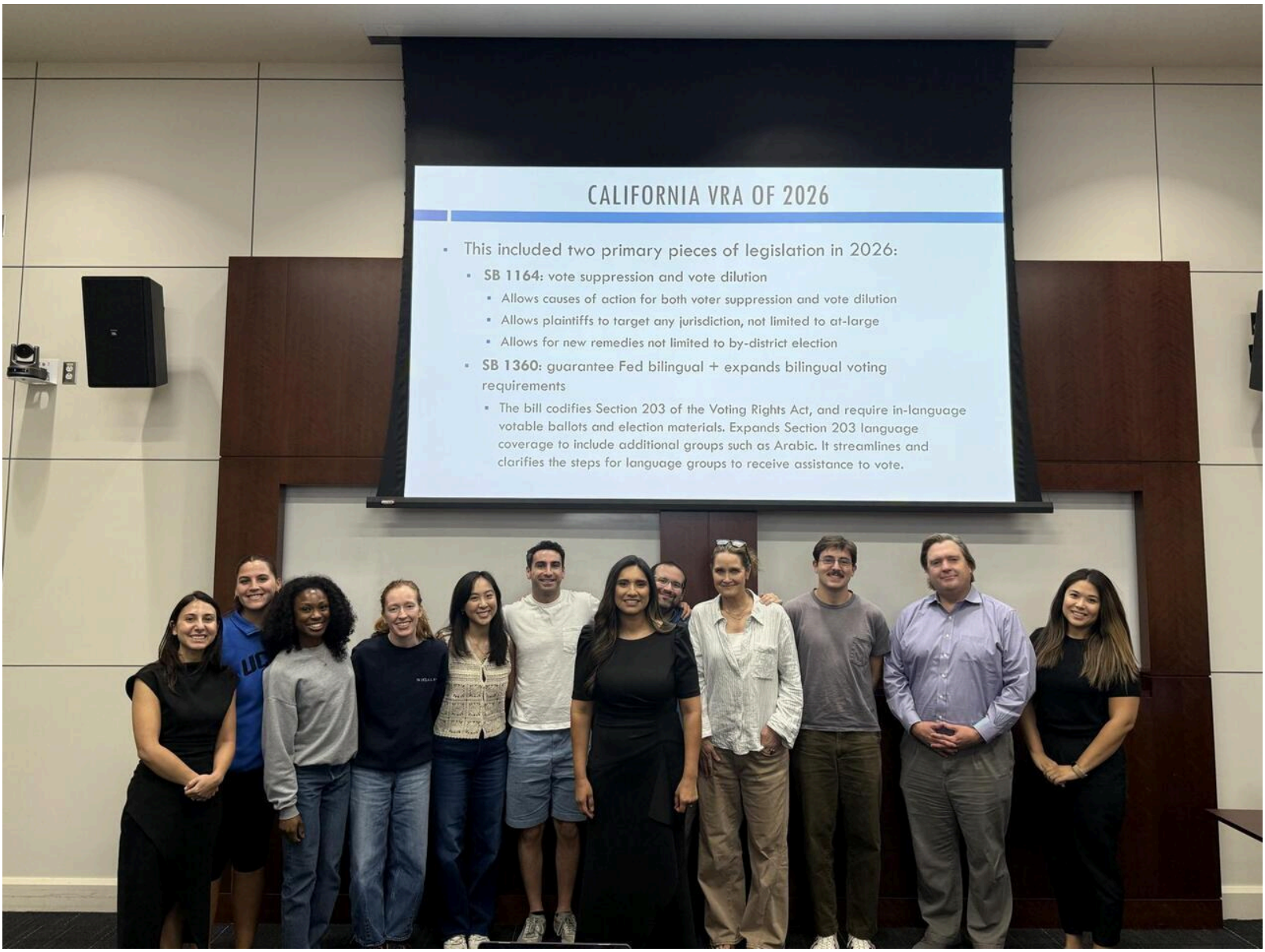
A Voting Rights Minute!



CA Senator Cervantes visits UCLA VRP practicum

Last Thursday, California State Senator Sabrina Cervantes spoke to students in the UCLA Voting Rights Project practicum about her experience championing the California Voting Rights Act, including Senate Bills 1164 and 1360, which address vote dilution, language assistance, and protections against voter suppression.

CHIRLA v. DHS: Case Reassigned; Hearing Set for October 30

Last Friday, defendants filed an objection to plaintiffs' Notice of Related Case and requested that the case be randomly reassigned. On Tuesday, the case was

reassigned to Chief Judge James E. Boasberg, who promptly ordered both parties to attend a scheduling conference and directed plaintiffs to file a superseding motion for a temporary restraining order (TRO). Plaintiffs filed their superseding TRO motion yesterday. Defendants must file their opposition by October 26, with a hearing scheduled for October 30 in Washington, D.C.

Read Plaintiff's Superseding TRO Motion here.



VRP Senior Staff Attorney and Senior Advisor join AZ SOS Adrian Fontes at American Constitution Society panel

Last Wednesday, the UCLA Voting Rights Project (VRP) participated in a conversation hosted by the UCLA American Constitution Society (ACS) on the future of voting rights in America. Panelists, including former California State Assembly Speaker **Anthony Rendon**, Arizona Secretary of State **Adrian Fontes**, Deputy Legal Director for Voting Rights at the Southern Poverty Law Center **Bradley Heard**, and VRP Senior Voting Rights Counsel **Sonni Waknin**,

shared their perspectives on how the fight to protect voting rights continues today in classrooms, courtrooms, Congress, and state capitols.

Watch the panel discussion here.

PhD Fellow Jessica Cobian's Paper Accepted for Publication in *PS: Political Science & Politics*

Cobian's paper, titled "The Role of Identity Centrality and Perceived Discrimination in Shaping Latino Immigrants' Attitudes Toward Exclusionary Immigration Policies," finds that Latino immigrants who have a stronger sense of Latino identity or perceive greater discrimination against immigrants are more likely to oppose restrictive immigration policies.

Did you know? 💡

Within Texas, 6 of the 38 current Congressional Districts are "toss-ups," defined as no political party receiving over 55% of the average vote (Dave's Redistricting 2020-2024 Election Results Composite). Of those 5, all have citizen voting age populations (CVAP) that are over 63% minority voters as compared to the statewide 52% (Dave's Redistricting 2026 TX Congressional Map).

Those 6 are:

- TX-28: 89% minority CVAP
- TX-15: 79% minority CVAP
- TX-34: 76% minority CVAP
- TX-09: 66% minority CVAP
- TX-23: 64% minority CVAP
- TX-35: 63% minority CVAP

Source: Dave's Redistricting 2020-2024 Election Results Composite

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VRP in the News

Why Trump's attack on California voting is false — and even a bit funny Opinion - Los Angeles Times, October 20, 2026

“Basically, what they’re doing now is just completely harassing and intimidating naturalized citizens who are legally eligible to vote through these actions,” said Matt Barreto, co-founder of the Voting Rights Project.

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Staff Attorney

The UCLA Voting Rights Project (VRP) seeks an experienced litigation, trial, and appellate attorney to work on a new project focused on California county, city, school, and state redistricting plans and election policies. Reporting to the Legal Director, the staff attorney/California Voting Rights Counsel will play a critical role in the VRP, developing a new program along with data scientists, to track and analyze redistricting plans and proposed changes within local jurisdictions throughout the state of California. See the full job description here.

Paralegal 2

The UCLA Voting Rights Project (VRP) seeks an experienced paralegal to provide legal support to our attorneys. The paralegal will: assemble, proof, and edit documents, such as notice letters, complaints, discovery requests, subpoenas, pleadings and appellate briefs; prepare and file legal documents with appropriate entities; maintain case files and accurate calendar of deadlines; act as a liaison with clients, outside counsel, and external organizations; compile data from various sources, legal digests, and practice manuals; conduct research on projects as directed by attorneys; assist with trial and deposition preparation and assistance, analyze and redact documents, and prepare chronologies, litigation holds, e-Discovery, counseling on progress of cases, and more. See the full job description here.

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