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### Oversight Hearing

## Moving Toward Equity: Addressing Disparities in Services Provided by the Regional Center System

March 14, 2017  
1:30 p.m. Room 3191

#### **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **Scott Wiener**, Chair, Senate Human Services Committee

#### **II. Disparities in Service Provision in the Regional Center system**

- **Nancy Bargmann**, Director, Department of Developmental Services
- **Amy Westling**, Interim Executive Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies

#### **III. Ensuring Cultural Competency and Identifying Systemic Barriers**

- **Areva Martin**, Founder and President, the Special Needs Network, Inc.
- **Dr. April Lopez**, Chair, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- **Abner Antunez**, parent of regional center consumer
- **Tien Nguyen**, family member of a regional center consumer
- **Marty Omoto**, Founder, California Disability Community Action Network

#### **IV. Identifying Best Practices and Formalizing Next Steps**

- **Gloria Wong**, Executive Director, East Los Angeles Regional Center
- **Barbara Wheeler**, Associate Director, University of Southern California University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
- **Catherine Blakemore**, Executive Director, Disability Rights California
- **Amy Westling**, Interim Executive Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies
- **Nancy Bargmann**, Director, Department of Developmental Services