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Photos from left to right of Janet Napolitano, Robert Reich, Maria Echaveste, and Angela Glover Blackwell are available for download from Cal Performances' [Press Room](#).

**CAL PERFORMANCES AND  
THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY  
PRESENT**

***THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY:  
THE 2024 ELECTION AND BEYOND***

**A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH JANET NAPOLITANO, ROBERT REICH,  
MARIA ECHAVESTE, AND ANGELA GLOVER BLACKWELL  
OCTOBER 29 AT 7PM AT ZELLERBACH HALL**

**Berkeley, CA, September 17, 2024**—Cal Performances and UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy together present *The Future of American Democracy: The 2024 Election and Beyond*, a panel discussion, on Tuesday, October 29 at 7pm in Zellerbach Hall. As voters prepare to head to the polls on November 5, UC Berkeley experts from former presidential administrations offer a critical look at the present moment, the issues that have shaped and led to this year's tumultuous election, and the future of American democracy. Featured on stage together are **Janet Napolitano**, former Secretary of Homeland Security under the Obama administration (2009–2013); **Robert Reich**, former Secretary of Labor under the Clinton administration (1993–1997); and **Maria Echaveste**,

former Assistant to the President and Deputy White House Chief of Staff under the Clinton administration (1998–2001)—as well as PolicyLink founder-in-residence and Chief Vision Officer for the Goldman School of Public Policy’s new Democracy Policy Initiative, **Angela Glover Blackwell**.

This event is a part of the Goldman School’s Interrogating Democracy series, which describes the program as follows: Political suppression, hyper-polarization, disinformation, public mistrust—democracy is in crisis, and our institutional norms and practices are being eroded along multiple fronts. The ideals enshrined in the US Constitution are more important and urgent than ever. At this critical and historic juncture, the Goldman School of Public Policy’s Democracy Policy Initiative is focused on helping California become a model of inclusive, representative, and multiracial democracy for its residents and the nation. The Interrogating Democracy series seeks to educate and engage the public on issues of democracy policy while connecting the Goldman School and UC Berkeley with academics, policymakers, and organizations working to strengthen democracy.

Detailed bios for each of the speakers can be found on the [event detail page](#).

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CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

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**Tuesday, October 29, 7pm**

**Zellerbach Hall**  
Bancroft Way at Dana Street,  
UC Berkeley campus

*Speakers*

**[The Future of American Democracy: The 2024 Election and Beyond](#)**

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**Program:**

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**Tickets:** \$20 general public, \$15 UC Berkeley faculty and staff, \$5 UC Berkeley students. All tickets are general admission. Tickets are available at [calperformances.org](http://calperformances.org), by phone at (510) 642-9988, or in person at the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall, Tuesday–Friday, 12–5:30pm and Saturday–Sunday, 1–5pm.

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