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A SUMMARY REPORT

The Pat Brown Institute's Annual Conference, *Election 2018: It's On!,* was held on November 15, 2018 on the campus of Cal State LA.

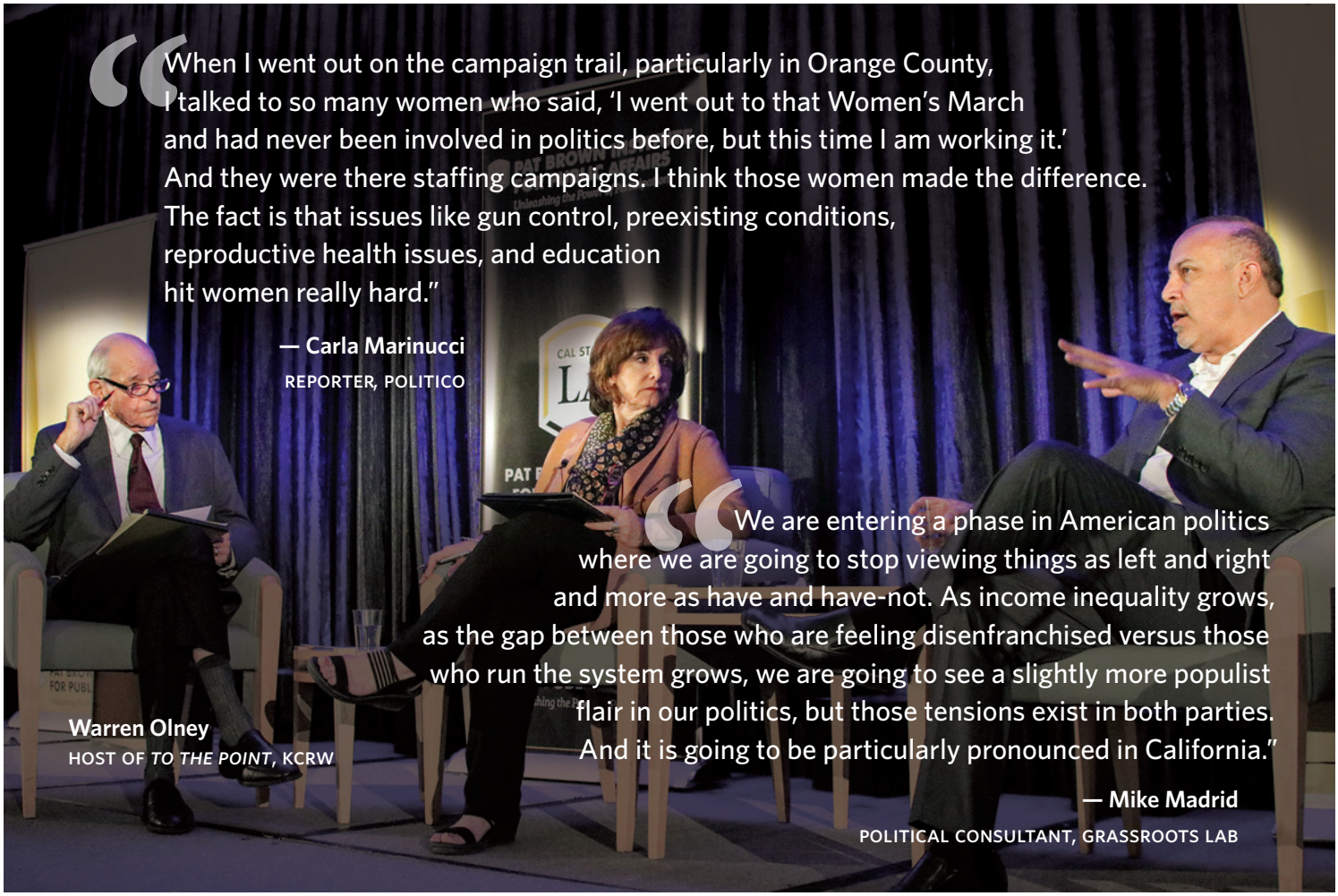
Our conference brought together appointed and elected officials; political practitioners; media professionals; community leaders; scholars; and students to learn about what happened on election day November 6, 2018, why it happened, and what it means going forward.

We were delighted to have Mayor Eric Garcetti deliver the keynote address and Ronald Brownstein of Atlantic Media and CNN provide the 2018 PBI Distinguished Lecture.



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"When I went out on the campaign trail, particularly in Orange County, I talked to so many women who said, 'I went out to that Women's March and had never been involved in politics before, but this time I am working it.' And they were there staffing campaigns. I think those women made the difference. The fact is that issues like gun control, preexisting conditions, reproductive health issues, and education hit women really hard."
— Carla Marinucci
REPORTER, POLITICO
"We are entering a phase in American politics where we are going to stop viewing things as left and right and more as have and have-not. As income inequality grows, as the gap between those who are feeling disenfranchised versus those who run the system grows, we are going to see a slightly more populist flair in our politics, but those tensions exist in both parties. And it is going to be particularly pronounced in California."
— Mike Madrid
POLITICAL CONSULTANT, GRASSROOTS LAB
Warren Olney
HOST OF TO THE POINT, KCRW


"Black voters vote at a higher rate than many other constituencies, particularly when you take into account socio-economic status. Black voters, however, often pose the question: 'What will be the return on the high level of investment to voting and other forms of civic engagement?'."
— Shakari Byerly
PARTNER AND PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER
EVITARUS


Dary Sragow
PUBLISHER, CALIFORNIA TARGET BOOK
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Ronald Brownstein



"We have a growing population of young voters who took the time to learn and participate. How did this happen? It's simple. People reached out to us and we responded"

— Nia Johnson
PRESIDENT
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"There is a huge East Coast bias in national reporting and still a notion of 'out West' and 'hinterlands.' That bias is amazing to me given how much smaller the world has become. It really affects how they cover California in general, particularly when it comes to elections."

— Janet Clayton
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
EDISON INTERNATIONAL AND
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"When you talk with voters, you really notice how much the national is trickling down into everyone's living room. It is really a challenge for local media to get people engaged and understand what is happening at the local level."

— Mary Plummer
SENIOR POLITICS REPORTER, KPCC





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