

The Victor Jones Memorial Lecture



The University of California at Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies is pleased to announce the Victor Jones

Memorial Lecture on Metropolitan Governance.

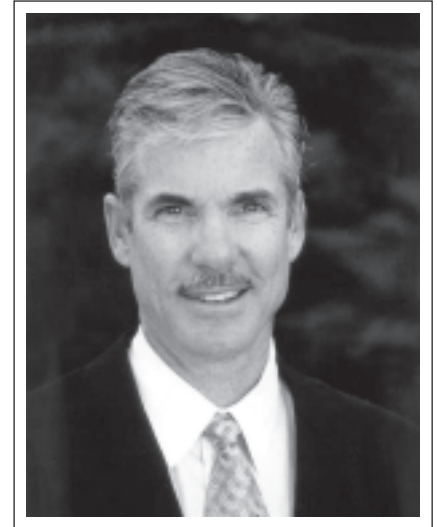
Victor Jones was a pioneer in the academic study of metropolitan government. His seminal treatise, *Metropolitan Government* (1942), laid the groundwork for a generation of scholars that studied postwar urban governance issues. Professor Jones's lifelong commitment to the study of regional governance was instrumental in the founding of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in 1961. Along with the League of California Cities, Jones helped craft the formation of ABAG, the San Francisco Bay Area's nine-county planning agency that addresses regional issues such as environmental quality, land use, and state-local financing of public projects. During Jones's distinguished career, he served in advisory positions to ABAG, the U.S. Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR), the League of California Cities, and the National Association of Regional Councils.

Jones later studied comparative intergovernmental issues between the United States and Canada and became an expert in Canadian federalism. He was a founding member of the UC Berkeley Canadian Studies Program in 1982. During his notable career, Jones was honored with special tributes from the American Political Science Association and the National Association of Regional Councils. In 1978 he was elected as a fellow to the National Academy of Public Administration.

The Victor Jones Memorial Lecture on Metropolitan Governance brings to the Berkeley camp distinguished speakers on the topic of regional affairs, urban studies, federalism, comparative government, metropolitan and local administration, and intergovernmental relations.

Contributions to support this lecture series may be made by sending a tax-deductible donation to: The Victor Jones Memorial Fund, c/o Institute of Governmental Studies, 109 Moses Hall #2370, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-2370. Please make checks payable to the UC Berkeley Foundation. For more information, contact the Institute at (510) 642-1474.

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Institute of Governmental Studies
& Department of
Political Science
Present*



Tom Torlakson

California State Senator
(D - Antioch)

**“Regionalism:
New Thinking for a
New Century”**

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Lecture: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Reception: 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.
UC Berkeley Alumni House
Toll Room
UC Berkeley Campus
Public Invited

State Senator Tom Torlakson is the California Legislature's leading voice for seeking innovative solutions to regional problems. The Senator chairs the Select Committee on Bay Area Infrastructure that has conducted a series of hearings to investigate the infrastructure needs of the Greater San Francisco Bay Region. His Select Committee has also discussed how existing regional government structures and jurisdictions might be changed to meet these challenges on a regional level. These discussions have included the potential merger of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Senator Torlakson will discuss his efforts to seek consolidation of Bay Area regional agencies and new policy initiatives that include:

- Benefits of regional leadership and collaborative-decision making.
- Models of success: the Inter-Regional Partnership of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties
- Building a better California: jobs-housing balance and the transportation-land use connection.
- Moving forward at the local, regional, and state level to build a better California.

To learn more about this lecture series and to view the webcast of Torlakson's speech, visit <http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/events/jones/>

Tom Torlakson

Tom Torlakson represents the 7th Senate District, which includes most of Contra Costa County. He is chair of the Senate Local Government Committee and chair of the Senate Select Committee on Bay Area Infrastructure. His legislative achievements include improving the transportation system, strongly supporting public education, promoting consumer protection and safety, improving fitness and nutrition, and protecting the environment.

Tom is also a strong supporter of promoting regional leadership and collaborative decision-making in California, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has served as a commissioner and board member on two of the Bay Area's regional organizations: the Association of Bay

Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

He was also a founder of the Delta Protection Commission, a state-local regional partnership authorized by the legislature to coordinate planning in the Sacramento Delta region. Several organizations—including the California Chapter of the American Planning Association, the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions, the California Redevelopment Association, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission—have recognized Tom as their "Legislator of the Year."

Tom's career in public service began as a science teacher in 1972. After building a strong reputation as an effective community leader, he was elected

to the Antioch City Council in 1978. He was elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in 1980 and achieved a 99.9 percent attendance record at board meetings during four terms spanning 16 years. Tom was elected to 11th Assembly District in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Tom was elected to the Senate in 2000.

Tom was born in San Francisco in 1949. He earned a B.A. in history in 1971, a life secondary teaching credential, and an M.A. in education in 1977 from UC Berkeley. He served in the Merchant Marine during the Vietnam War. He lives in Antioch with his wife of 31 years, Diana, and their daughter, Tamara, 16. The Torlakson's other daughter, Tiffany, is 24 and a UC Berkeley graduate.