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“How California Works: Building Democracy in the Golden State”

**KSQD 90.7, 89.5 & 89.7FM “Be Bold America!” Sunday,
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PART 1 Covers the following:

Editor’s Note: Why “Citizen” is a Verb

Foreword: Truth vs. Cynicism (written by Fred Keeley, Mayor of Santa Cruz)

Introduction: Welcome to California, the Most American State

Prologue: Explanatory Journalism, Explained

“Wishing that things worked one way or another is not the same as knowing how things work. It’s when we all know how things work that we can impact things, from democracy itself to a local development project in your neighborhood.” – Fred Keeley, the Mayor of Santa Cruz, California

How does the **5th** largest economy in the world ... **work?**

What are some **true stories** about how **California is leading the world toward a better future**, from protecting women’s and voter’s rights to building a sustainable energy infrastructure? **These true stories are not naïve or full of starry-eyed optimism.**

The book “*How California Works*”, acknowledges that many Californians, well, lets’ face it ... people the world over ... are **confronting a myriad of crises**. Yet, individuals and organizations throughout California, maybe imperfectly, are **making our state better, fairer, and a safer place**.

How are they doing it? The word “citizen” is a verb.

Interview Guest:

Jonathan Vankin is a senior writer for California Local and an award-winning journalist whose writing has appeared in such publications as *The New York Times Magazine*, *Wired*, *Salon*, *L.A. Weekly* and many others. He is the author of four previous nonfiction books, including *Conspiracies*, *Cover-Ups and Crimes*—the first comprehensive, journalistic investigation of America's conspiracy-theory underground, **foreshadowing the current state of sociopolitical affairs** by two decades—and more recently *Close to Zero*, a full account of **Donald Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic**.

Jonathan Vankin has also written comic books, TV, screenplays, and even the "book" for a hit Off-Broadway musical, *Forever Dusty*, about the great British pop star Dusty Springfield. He has made numerous media appearances on such networks as CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, FOX, the BBC and the CBC, as well as numerous podcasts and hundreds of radio stations.

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