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**15th ANNUAL ENVISIONING CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE:
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The Center for Southern California Studies at CSUN has participated in the annual Envisioning California conference series since 1996, and has been a primary co-sponsor since 2002. In 2003 CSCS organized and hosted the conference, which celebrated the diversity of Californians and our environment, as well as the richness of our cultural, linguistic, age, and lifestyle communities and the equitable allocation of resources in our state. The conference addressed issues concerning the challenges exacerbated by an uncertain economy, an unprecedented state deficit, and growing crises in healthcare and housing, set against light-speed developments in technology and business, emerging voices in the arts and literature, and a fresh look at "new" neighbors within California. This annual conference not only raises the visibility of the Center, it helps CSCS contribute to reshaping the state by providing a public forum for the discussion of critical policy issues affecting all Californians. CSUN will again co-sponsor the conference in Fall 2004, and will be the convening sponsor again in Fall 2005.