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As Associate Director of Political Voice, Dr. John Dobard leads advocacy efforts to make governments more participatory and representative of the communities they serve. Previously, Dr. Dobard served as Advancement Project California's Manager of Strategic Initiatives. In that capacity, he co-created the Political Voice program and worked with coalitions across the state to secure equitable electoral systems using the California Voting Rights Act. He also oversaw several key organization-wide initiatives, including an initiative to urge the Los Angeles Unified School District to adopt a student need index to guide allocation of Local Control Funding Formula dollars. Dr. Dobard earned a master's degree and doctorate in political science from the University of Chicago.