



LORI AJAX

Chief | Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation

Lori Ajax was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation on February 4, 2016. She was previously Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) where she had served in multiple positions since 1998, including Deputy Division Chief, District Administrator and Supervising Investigator. As Deputy Division Chief, assigned to the Department's Headquarters Office, she oversaw several statewide programs. She began her career as an Investigator in ABC's Santa Rosa District office in 1995 and then transferred to Sacramento to work in the Trade Enforcement Unit where she promoted to Supervising Investigator. In 2006, she was promoted to District Administrator assigned to the ABC Grant Assistance Program (GAP) and the TRACE Unit. She then served as the District Administrator for ABC's Sacramento, Yuba City and Redding District offices from 2007 through 2011, overseeing the licensing and enforcement operations of 20 counties in Northern California. Ms. Ajax also served as an Investigator at the California Fair Political Practices Commission from 1997 to 1998.

Ms. Ajax spent 10 years in private industry prior to her State government career. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento. She is a member of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association and the St. Sava Mission Foundation.

SENATOR JOEL ANDERSON

After four years of service in the State Assembly and four years of service in the State Senate, in 2014 Senator Anderson was re-elected to represent San Diego county for a second term in the Senate. Senator Anderson authored a landmark piece of legislation in his first year. Assembly Bill 221 required the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the California State Teachers' Retirement System to divest from companies that violated federal law by doing business in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In recognition of the sacrifices made by the men and women of our military in protecting our freedoms, Senator Anderson passed Assembly Bill 257 into law, which granted Free State Park passes to disabled veterans and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Senator Anderson was also recognized with the 2007 "San Diego Psychiatric Society Legislative Award" for his "interest in, sensitivity to, and knowledge of mental health issues."

In 2008, Senator Anderson joined forces with the state's sheriffs and district attorneys to curb the rampant crime of metal theft. For his dedication, these groups named Senator Anderson their "Legislator of the Year." His efforts on a wide array of issues were recognized by groups who identified Senator Anderson as a champion for their cause. For his efforts to protect the Second Amendment, Senator Anderson was named the "2008 California Rifle & Pistol Association Legislator of the Year." He also fought hard to keep public land open for public use during his first term which earned him the "2008 California League of Off-Road Voters Legislator of the Year Award." As one of their most successful alums in recent memory, Senator Anderson was awarded the "2008 Young Republican Federation of California's Legislator of the Year Award" for his tremendous record of success during his first term in the Legislature. In 2009, Senator Anderson focused on fixing the state's economy and bringing jobs back to our great state. Many California businesses began leaving as the state started issuing IOUs.

Senator Anderson is proud to serve as the Vice Chair of both the Public Safety Committee and the Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments and as a member of the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review and the Committee on Judiciary.

BRIAN ANNIS

Undersecretary

In July 2013, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Brian as Undersecretary. Prior to this appointment, Brian served as Deputy Secretary for Transportation at the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Brian served in various positions for the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, including deputy staff director, principal consultant and consultant. He also served in various positions at the California Department of Finance, including principal program budget analyst, staff finance budget analyst and research analyst. Brian has also been an adjunct professor of economics at American River College and an economist for the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Brian holds a bachelor's degree in political economy of natural resources from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in economics from the University of Washington.



SENATOR TONI ATKINS

Elected to the State Senate in 2016 after serving as Speaker of the California State Assembly, Senator Toni G. Atkins represents the 39th Senate District, which includes the cities of San Diego, Coronado, Del Mar and Solana Beach. Prior to state elective office, Senator Atkins worked as director of clinic services at Womancare Health Center and later as a member of the San Diego City Council. Under her leadership, the Assembly Democrats championed the state's first Earned Income Tax Credit, which benefits nearly 1.5 million Californians and lifts 50,000 people out of poverty and 50,000 others out of deep poverty. She also provided budget funding to help provide more affordable housing, one of the state's biggest crises and the issue that is closest to her heart. Toni Atkins is a coalition builder who believes that sound government policies can impact people's lives in positive ways. During her tenure as Speaker, funding for higher education in California reached its highest-ever level. In addition to being a leading voice for affordable housing, she is a powerful advocate for women, the LGBT community and a champion for veterans, individuals, and families experiencing homelessness. While Speaker, Toni Atkins passed legislation that helps small businesses, preserves dignity for transgender individuals, protects wildlife, assists victims of domestic violence, protects our environment, ensures coastal access, and strengthens family justice centers, among other accomplishments.

Senator Atkins was born in Virginia and earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Emory & Henry College and completed the senior executive program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

RUSSELL ATTERBERRY **Undersecretary of Veteran Affairs**

He joined CalVet upon his retirement after more than 21 years on active duty in the U.S. Navy. From 1994 to 1999, Atterberry served as an engineer on the USS La Jolla (SSN-701), a nuclear fast-attack submarine stationed in Point Loma. From 2000 to 2002, he served in the quality assurance and maintenance division at the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Charleston, South Carolina. From 2005 to 2007, Atterberry served on the USS Antietam (CG-54), a Ticonderoga Class Cruiser at Naval Base San Diego. He deployed numerous times on Antietam supporting the USS Carl Vinson Strike Group as air defense commander for Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Sea Dragon. From 2008 to 2010, Atterberry served as the Command Control Center Officer and Assistant Operations Officer on the USS New Orleans (LPD-18) stationed at Naval Base San Diego. From 2010 to 2014, Atterberry served in numerous other positions including Operations and Training Officer at Cruiser Class Squadron in San Diego. His final active duty assignment was as the Executive Officer at Navy Operational Support Center, Sacramento.

Atterberry received his commission from the University of Washington's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in 2004 with an undergraduate degree in Economics. He attended the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey for a program in National Security Affairs, and he served at the Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island.

SENATOR PATRICIA BATES

Patricia Bates, honored to serve as the Senator for the 36th Senate District in the California Legislature since December 1, 2014, representing nearly 1 million people from Encinitas in San Diego County to Rancho Santa Margarita in Orange County. Senator professional background is one of a Los Angeles County social worker, a position in which she helped people deal with some tough challenges in their personal lives. In the Senate, her focus is to solve everyday problems for Californians in a way that will preserve our quality of life, protect taxpayers, and restore fiscal common sense to government. That is what she did as the driving force behind Laguna Niguel's campaign for cityhood and when she became its first mayor upon the city's incorporation in 1989. She served four terms as mayor and then continued serving as a city council member until my election to the State Assembly in 1998, earning the trust of a large majority of Orange and San Diego County voters. When she was in the Assembly, I served as Vice Chair of the Assembly Appropriations and Assembly Health committees, and was the founding Chair of the Republican Women's Caucus to ensure that women from across the political spectrum were fully represented. While serving in the Assembly, she was appointed to the prestigious Little Hoover Commission, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed me to serve on his historic California Performance Review Commission – responsible for providing recommendations on reforming state government and its operations.



ASSEMBLY MEMBER JIM COOPER **Chair, Moderate Democratic Caucus**

Assistant Majority Leader Jim Cooper proudly represents California's 9th Assembly district, which includes the cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Galt, and Lodi. Cooper currently serves on several committees, including: Public Employees Retirement and Social Security Committee, Governmental Organization Committee, Insurance Committee, Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee, Budget Committee, and Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration. Cooper also serves as Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Community Law Enforcement Relations and Responsibilities. Assistant Majority Leader Cooper has an extensive background in law enforcement and local government.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROCKY CHAVEZ

Rocky Chávez began his public service career immediately after graduation from California State University, Chico when he joined the United States Marine Corps. He spent more than 28 years as a United States Marine, rising to the rank of Colonel and being assigned Chief of Staff for the 4th Marine Division. Upon retiring, Rocky continued public service by founding the School of Business and Technology, a charter High School in the Oceanside Unified School District. He served as the school's Director from 2002-2008. In November of 2002, Rocky was elected to the Oceanside City Council. During his seven years of service he focused on economic development, public safety and quality of life issues. In 2009, Rocky was appointed by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and made the journey to Sacramento to serve as Undersecretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. He later served as Acting Secretary. Rocky was first elected on November 6, 2012 to represent the 76th Assembly District which includes Camp Pendleton, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside and Vista. Rocky serves as Vice Chair of the Assembly Education Committee. He is also a member of the Assembly Legislative Ethics Committee, Budget, Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, Health, and Higher Education Committees. Rocky also sits on the California Task Force on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education, is a member of the Governor's Military Council and serves as a member of the State Allocation Board.

JOHN CHIANG **California State Treasurer**

John Chiang was elected on Nov. 4, 2014, as California's 33rd State Treasurer. As the state's banker, he oversees trillions of dollars in annual transactions, manages a \$75 billion investment portfolio, and is the nation's largest issuer of municipal bonds.

In addition, he chairs financing authorities that help provide good-paying jobs, better schools, improved transportation, quality health care, more affordable housing and a cleaner environment. He handles those duties while sitting on the governing boards of the nation's two largest public pension funds with combined assets exceeding \$496 billion. Upon assuming office, Chiang developed a financial blueprint for the state – sixteen ideas designed to help workers, businesses, and communities. These initiatives (half of which were accomplished in his first 18 months in office) are detailed in "Building California's Future Begins Today." A whole chapter of the plan focuses on new approaches to maintaining and building bridges, roads, schools and other critical public infrastructure.

Chiang has made transparency a top priority, believing that sharing information with taxpayers enables them to hold government officials accountable. In November 2015, he unveiled Debwatch, a powerful new website that offers the public user-friendly access to three decades of data related to debt issued by state and local governments. DebtWatch was named "Best Application Serving the Public" at the 2016 California Technology Forum.

Prior to being elected Treasurer, Chiang served from 2007 through 2014 as State Controller. During the Great Recession he took steps to preserve cash to meet obligations to education and bond holders. His cash management decisions – which included delaying payments and issuing IOUs -- were instrumental in keeping the state's credit rating from plunging into junk status. Chiang's actions saved taxpayers millions of dollars. He aggressively used his audit programs to identify more than \$9.5 billion of fraud, waste and abuse in government programs, the most by any Controller in California's history.

Chiang was first elected to the Board of Equalization in 1998 where he served two terms, including three years as chair. He began his career as a tax law specialist with the Internal Revenue Service and previ-



ously served as an attorney in the State Controller's Office. The son of immigrant parents, Chiang graduated with honors from the University of South Florida with a degree in finance. He received his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

KIM CRAIG

Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Governor

Kim Craig has served as special assistant in the Office of California State Assembly Speaker Toni G. Atkins since 2014. She was an advocate at KP Public Affairs from 2012 to 2014, chief of staff in the Office of California State Assembly member Toni G. Atkins from 2010 to 2012 and deputy chief of staff in the Office of California State Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny from 2005 to 2010. Craig served as senior policy adviser in the Office of San Diego City Councilmember Toni G. Atkins from 2000 to 2005 and field representative in the Office of California State Assembly member Denise Moreno Ducheny from 1996 to 2000. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from San Diego State University.

KEVIN DE LEON

Senate Pro Tempore

Kevin de León focuses on using the public-policy process to empower the least fortunate and voiceless, he has led a bold agenda to increase economic opportunity for all Californians focused on education, equity for women, immigrants and low-wage workers, public safety, and strongly maintaining the state's leadership in building a clean-energy economy that benefits everyone. De León served four years in the Assembly before his election to the Senate in 2010. He is the first person in California history to serve as the Chair of the Appropriations committees in both the Assembly and Senate. In 2014 he became the first Latino elected leader of the Senate in over a century. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school, later earning a degree with honors from Pitzer College. He is a Rodell Fellow at the Aspen Institute and a guest lecturer at the University of Southern California.

TODD GLORIA

Assistant Majority Whip

Todd Gloria is a native San Diegan whose life's work is the ideal blend of community activism and government experience. Todd is the District Director for Congresswoman Susan A. Davis. In this capacity, he manages the Congresswoman's San Diego office and staff. Additionally, Todd is responsible for defense, veterans, housing, and budget issues. He also represents Congresswoman Davis in the Mid-City communities of City Heights, Hillcrest, Kensington, Normal Heights, North Park, Talmadge, and University Heights. Todd has worked for the Congresswoman since 2001. Previous to that he worked for six years in the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency. In 2005, the San Diego City Council unanimously appointed Todd to the Board of Commissioners of the San Diego Housing Commission. The Board oversees the Commission's \$224 million annual budget that serves nearly 75,000 families. Previous to his appointment as a City Commissioner, Todd served as a member of the Commission's loan committee approving financing packages for the creation of over 2,000 affordable housing units throughout the city. Todd's work has been recognized by numerous organizations, including the San Diego Mediation Center, the Greater San Diego Business Association, and the HIV Consumer Council. He was named a 1999 Harry S. Truman Scholar and one of San Diego's Top 40 under Forty by San Diego Metropolitan Magazine.

KELLY GREEN

Director of External Affairs, Covered California

Kelly Green, prior to working at Covered California, came from the Assembly Health Committee, where she was a principal consultant, advising on policy issues covering commercial health insurance, Medi-Cal and Medicare. Prior to that, she was a regulatory policy specialist for the California Nurses Association and deputy director for legislative and government affairs with the state Department of Health Care Services.



MYESHA JACKSON

Policy Director, Office of Speaker Anthony Rendon

Myesha Jackson has an extensive background working in the California State Legislature. Currently, Myesha serves as Policy Director for Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Chief Consultant for the Assembly Human Services Committee. Prior to this position, Myesha served as Policy Consultant in the office of Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. Myesha has a degree from Dartmouth College.

LOREN KAYE

President, California Foundation for Commerce and Education

Loren Kaye was appointed president of the Foundation in January 2006. Kaye has devoted his career to developing, analyzing and implementing public policy issues in California, with a special emphasis on improving the state's business and economic climate.

Kaye is also a gubernatorial appointee to the state's Little Hoover Commission, charged with evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies and programs. He served in senior policy positions for Governors Pete Wilson and George Deukmejian, including Cabinet Secretary to the Governor and Undersecretary of the California Trade and Commerce Agency. Kaye has also represented numerous private sector interests, managing issues that affect specific business sectors to promote an improved business climate or to resist further regulation or costs on business. Kaye lives in Sacramento with his wife and daughter.

The California Foundation for Commerce and Education is affiliated with the California Chamber of Commerce and serves as a "think tank" for the California business community. The Foundation is dedicated to preserving and strengthening the California business climate and private enterprise through accurate, impartial and objective research and analysis of public policy issues of interest to the California business and public policy communities.

Kaye is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego, with a degree in political science.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRIAN MAIENSCHIN

Brian Maienschein was elected to the California State Assembly in 2012, winning with a record number of votes. He was overwhelmingly re-elected to a second term in 2014. Brian serves as Chair of the influential Assembly Local Government Committee. Brian has also served eight years on the San Diego City Council.

During his tenure on the City Council, Brian preserved over 11,000 acres in the San Pasqual Valley from development. He secured the opening of State Route 56 and made numerous infrastructure improvements throughout his district. He is most well-known for his outstanding response to the 2003 Cedar Fire and the 2007 Witch Creek Fire. Brian also served as San Diego's first Commissioner on Homelessness. He created a program that received numerous awards, including a Golden Watchdog award from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association for its success in reducing homelessness, while saving millions of taxpayer dollars. Prior to serving on the City Council, Brian was the Executive Director of Youth Court, an innovative program that has forged a partnership between law enforcement, schools, and community groups to get first-time juvenile offenders back on track. For his work with the program, Brian received the District Attorney's Crime Victims' Rights Award.

JIM MAYER

President & CEO, CA Forward

California Forward is a bipartisan public interest effort to bolster democracy and improve the performance of government in California. Working with civic and governmental partners statewide, CA Fwd has been the consistent advocate for comprehensive governance reforms that will lead to better results and accountability. As its chief executive, Mayer has helped to usher California's modernization of redistricting, primary elections, term limits, and ethics and transparency laws – to empower voters, encourage bipartisan solutions and restore public trust. He shepherded CA Fwd's efforts to build capacity within governments to improve outcomes, and to advance a shared agenda among private, civic and public sector leaders to sustainably and equitably increase prosperity. He is a graduate of Diablo Valley College and Califor-



nia Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He earned a master's in public policy from California State University, Sacramento and was a fellow at the University of Michigan.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHAD MAYES

Assembly Minority Leader

Chad Mayes is an American politician currently serving in the California State Assembly. He is a Republican representing the 42nd district, encompassing parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Prior to being elected to the State Assembly, he was a Yucca Valley town councilmember. Mayes earned a Bachelor of Science in Government from Liberty University. Before entering public service, Mayes worked as a financial advisor and tax preparer.

BEN METCALF

Director of Housing & Community Development

Metcalfe, 39, grew up in Berkeley but headed east to Amherst College in Massachusetts for his undergraduate studies. He reportedly became interested in urban planning when prominent New York affordable housing developer and Amherst alumnus Rosanne Haggerty invited him to take a look Common Ground Community, a not-for-profit corporation she founded in 1990 that works on innovative solutions for homelessness. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Urban Planning at the Harvard Kennedy School. Metcalf returned to the West Coast after graduation. He joined the San Francisco-based nonprofit BRIDGE Housing Corporation in 2004 as a fellow of the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Urban Redevelopment Excellence. During his tenure there, he oversaw projects like the 99-unit Iron Horse Apartments, an affordable-housing development across the Bay in a 29-acre industrial park anchored by the historic Oakland Central Station, which hadn't seen a train since 1994. The housing meltdown and financial crisis starting in 2006 battered agencies as public sources of funding dried up. Metcalf's boss at BRIDGE Housing, Carol Galante, was tapped by President Obama to be deputy assistant secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and she recruited him. Metcalf returned to the East Coast in 2010 and took his first government job as Galante's senior advisor. He held the position until 2012, overlapping his time as senior advisor to the commissioner and assistant secretary of housing from 2011 to 2013. President Obama appointed Metcalf to replace Galante in 2013 and that's where he was when Governor Brown brought him back West. The new job requires Senate confirmation and compensation is \$170,004. Metcalf is a Democrat.

KARLA NEMETH

Deputy Secretary for Water Policy, Natural Resources Agency

Karla Nemeth, 43, of Sacramento has been appointed deputy secretary for water policy at the California Natural Resources Agency. She will serve as the Governor's senior advisor on water policy. Nemeth has served as Bay Delta Conservation Plan project manager at the California Natural Resources Agency since 2009. She was environmental and public affairs director at the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 from 2005 to 2009 and community affairs manager at Jones and Stokes from 2003 to 2005. Nemeth was a legislative assistant at AESOP Enterprises from 2001 to 2003 and held multiple positions for King County, Washington from 1998 to 2000, including legislative assistant and program manager. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER RANDY VOEPEL

Randy Voepel represents the Eastern portion of San Diego County, as well as the Southern portion of Riverside County. Prior to his election to the State Assembly, Voepel served as a Santee City Councilmember from 1996-2000, and Mayor of Santee from 2000-2016. During his time in office, he helped turn Santee into one of San Diego County's premier communities. While serving as Mayor, Voepel helped implement pro-business policies that attracted restaurants, as well as vibrant new retail, residential, and office development. He also worked to establish a teen center, ball fields and recreational activities for children and families while contracting out recreation programs to the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club to improve service levels while cutting pension obligations. Randy looks forward to implementing this vision in Sacramento to return jobs to our state, restore our financial strength, and ensure California remains a great place to raise a family and pursue the American Dream. Voepel is a U.S. Navy veteran with two combat



tours of duty in Vietnam. He is also a member of the Santee Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9327. A graduate from Saint Leo University, he is a businessman in financial services specializing in corporate benefits. He is also active in his Church, four service clubs and the Boy Scouts.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARIE WALDRON

Over the past two decades, Marie Waldron has been deeply involved in North San Diego County. Prior to her election to the Assembly, Waldron served for 14 years on the Escondido City Council fighting for public safety, fiscal restraint and neighborhood revitalization. Waldron also served as Escondido's Deputy Mayor, as a board member for the North County Transit District, the city's representative to the League of California Cities, the Regional Solid Waste Association Board, and Escondido's Investment subcommittee. Her commitment to her city was recognized by the Escondido Rotary Club when she was presented their Outstanding Community Service Award. Waldron has also been a member of the Escondido Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Association and many other groups. She served 4 years as Honorary Chairman of the California Business Advisory Council which advocated on behalf of California's small businesses to Congress. Previous employers include NBC Sports in New York, Times Mirror Cable TV in San Diego and the New York Mets where she managed promotions and advertising. Active in the San Diego region, Waldron was a founding member of the San Diego chapter of CWLA (California Women's Leadership Association), is a member of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

DAN WALTERS

Columnist, Sacramento Bee

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than a half-century, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. At one point in his career, at age 22, he was the nation's youngest daily newspaper editor.

Mr. Walters joined The Sacramento Union's Capitol bureau in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his governorship, and later became the Union's Capitol bureau chief. In 1981, he began writing the state's only daily newspaper column devoted to California political, economic, and social events. In 1984, he and the column moved to The Sacramento Bee. He has written more than 7,500 columns about California and its politics and his column now appears in more than 50 California newspapers. Dan Walters has written about California and its politics for a number of other publications, including The Wall Street Journal and the Christian Science Monitor. In 1986, his book, *The New California: Facing the 21st Century*, was published in its first edition. He is also the founding editor of the California Political Almanac; the co-author of a book on lobbying entitled *The Third House: Lobbyists, Money and Power in Sacramento*, and contributed chapters to two other books, *Remaking California* and *The New Political Geography of California*. He is also a frequent guest on national television news shows, commenting on California politics.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHIRLEY WEBER

Assembly Member Shirley Nash Weber was elected in November of 2012 to represent California's 79th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Chula Vista, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City and San Diego. Dr. Weber was recently appointed by Assembly Speaker Rendon to chair the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting. She also chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Higher Education in San Diego County and the Assembly Select Committee on Campus Climate, and serves on the Assembly Standing Committees on Education, Higher Education, Appropriations, and Banking and Finance. She is also past Chair of the Assembly Committee on the Budget. She attended UCLA, where she received her BA, MA and PhD by the age of 26. Prior to receiving her doctorate, she became a professor at San Diego State University at the age of 23. Dr. Weber also taught at California State University at Los Angeles and Los Angeles City College before coming to San Diego State University. Weber has lived in the 79th Assembly District for over 30 years. Deeply committed to community service, she served on the boards of the NAACP, the YWCA, the YMCA Scholarship Committee, Battered Women Services, United Way and the San Diego Consortium. She eventually made a successful run for a seat on the board of the San Diego Unified School District. As a trustee and subsequent school board president, she became known for her advocacy for closing the achievement gap and setting a higher standard of excellence for all children. As an Assemblymember, Weber has translated her commitment to education and social justice into her ambitious legislative agenda. She has authored bills on K-12 education reform, increasing access and afford-



ability for higher education for California's students, and a law to address the issue of racial profiling in policing. Other bills signed include legislation addressing civil rights, education, forced arbitration, protections for person with disabilities and voting rights.

MARTIN WILSON

Executive VP, Public Affairs, Cal Chamber

Marty Wilson is the executive vice president of public affairs for the California Chamber of Commerce, a position he has held for more than four years. Wilson oversees all of the CalChamber's public affairs activities, including the Public Affairs Council, a political advisory committee made up of the CalChamber's major members; its candidate recruitment and support program; and its political action committees: ChamberPAC, which supports pro-jobs candidates and legislators, and CalBusPAC, which qualifies, supports and/or opposes ballot initiatives. He also serves as the CalChamber liaison to JobsPAC, an employer-based independent committee that supports pro-jobs candidates. Wilson has almost 40 years of experience in California politics, playing leadership roles in the election and re-election of two governors and a U.S. senator. He also has orchestrated numerous successful ballot measure and public affair campaigns.