

ERIK TURNER Director of Legislative Affairs



Erik Turner joined the California Construction and Industrial Materials Association (CalcIMA) in September 2024 as the Director of Legislative Affairs after nearly a decade spent working in the Capitol for numerous legislators and as an associate at a top advocacy firm.

Turner previously served as Legislative Director for Assemblymember Lori Wilson. There, he worked on three measures set to appear on the November ballot in addition to covering an array of issues, including the state budget, transportation and construction legislation, energy, utilities, telecommunications, water, and the environment.

Turner worked for Niemela Pappas & Associates (NPA) as an associate lobbyist beginning in 2021. He represented and advocated before the state legislature, governor's office, and regulatory agencies on behalf of a diverse portfolio of clients, including public sector entities – such as local governments, water & irrigation districts, and publicly owned utilities – as well as private sector market leaders in industries such as building and construction materials, ag equipment & heavy machinery, and more. He developed and implemented successful legislative and political strategy and messaging for clients on a wide range of issues, was a frequent collaborator with stakeholders to build strong coalitions, facilitated relationships for clients with legislators and staff, and further cultivated connections in and around the Capitol.

Turner served as Legislative Director for Assemblymember Rudy Salas beginning in 2018 and as Communications Director and Legislative Aide for Salas in 2017. During this time, he oversaw legislative and budget priorities and managed legislative staff, helping to secure millions of dollars in allocations from the state budget for the Central Valley and staffing innumerable pieces of legislation signed into law, while also crafting strategic messaging for the legislator. Turner assisted on several campaigns and served as a spokesperson during an expensive electoral race in 2018 in which Salas decisively won reelection.

Turner began his tenure in the California Legislature in 2016 as a legislative intern for the then-Senate Transportation Committee Chair who authored the landmark transportation infrastructure funding measure SB 1, before he joined another Silicon Valley legislator as a legislative aide in 2016.

Turner graduated with honors from the University of California, Davis with Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. He lives in Sacramento, CA with his dog Remy.

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