

Policy/Executive Team



PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Jennifer Barrera took over as president and chief executive officer of the California Chamber of Commerce on October 1, 2021.

She has been part of the CalChamber team since 2010 and stepped into the top position after serving as CalChamber executive vice president, overseeing the development and implementation of policy and strategy for the organization, as well as representing the CalChamber on legal reform issues.

Barrera is well-known for her success rate with the CalChamber's annual list of job killer legislation, efforts to reform the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) and leadership working with employers on critical issues, including most recently those arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, she advises the business compliance activities of the CalChamber on interpreting changes in employment law.

She led CalChamber advocacy on labor and employment and taxation from September 2010

through the end of 2017. As senior policy advocate in 2017, Barrera worked with the executive vice president in developing policy strategy. She was named senior vice president, policy, for 2018 and promoted to executive vice president on January 1, 2019.

From May 2003 until joining the CalChamber staff, she worked at a statewide law firm that specializes in labor/employment defense. She represented employers in both state and federal court on a variety of issues, including wage and hour disputes, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, breach of contract, and wrongful termination. She also advised both small and large businesses on compliance issues, presented seminars on various employment-related topics, and regularly authored articles in human resources publications.

Barrera earned a B.A. in English from California State University, Bakersfield, and a J.D. with high honors from California Western School of Law.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF STAFF FOR POLICY

Ben Golombek joined the California Chamber of Commerce on January 17, 2022 as executive vice president and chief of staff for policy.

In this role, Golombek heads the CalChamber policy staff, providing strategic oversight and management of CalChamber's legislative and regulatory priorities.

Most recently, Golombek served as the West Region vice president for public affairs for AT&T, where he managed a team of 20 to create and implement legislative campaigns and media strategies to educate and influence lawmakers, regulators and consumers for eight states, including California.

Golombek has previous experience serving as chief of staff to three members of the California State Assembly, including the chairs of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation, and Assembly Appropriations committees.

Prior to his State Capitol experience, Golombek worked at Los Angeles City Hall, where he served as deputy city controller, communications director for a city councilmember and deputy press secretary for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Golombek graduated from Northwestern University, has an M.B.A. from the University of California, Davis, and completed the prestigious Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs.



VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVOCACY AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Adam Regele joined the California Chamber of Commerce in April 2018 as a policy advocate specializing in environmental policy, housing and land use, and product regulation issues. He was named a senior policy advocate in April 2021 and in March 2023 was promoted to the newly created position of vice president of advocacy and strategic partnerships.

In that role, he works to expand CalChamber relationships to other businesses and associations in California and nationally as California state government continues its repeated attempts to expand oversight and regulation of the business community.

Regele was the lead negotiator for the business community in 2022 on SB 54, the circular economy law creating the nation's most complex extended producer responsibility program. He is the foremost expert on the ongoing implementation of the law.

He came to the CalChamber policy team after practicing law at Oakland-based Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver & Wilson, PLC, where he advised private and public clients on complex projects involving local, state and federal land use and

environmental laws and regulations. His extensive environmental and waste regulatory compliance experience includes defending in litigation related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Before joining Meyers Nave, Regele handled state and federal environmental litigation and administrative proceedings as an associate at a Bay Area law firm that focused on environmental, natural resources, land use, labor and local government law.

He served as a federal judicial law clerk to the Honorable Edward J. Davila of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, and as a legal fellow with the Oakland City Attorney's Office prior to entering private law practice.

Regele earned a B.S. in environmental science at the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law, where he was symposium editor and research and development editor for the *Hastings West-Northwest Journal*.

Staff to: *Environmental Policy Committee, Housing Committee*



SENIOR POLICY ADVOCATE

Ashley Hoffman joined the California Chamber of Commerce in August 2020 as a policy advocate specializing in labor and employment and workers' compensation issues. She was named a senior policy advocate starting January 1, 2024 in recognition of her efforts on behalf of members.

Before joining the CalChamber policy team, she was an associate attorney in the Sacramento office of Jackson Lewis P.C., representing employers in civil litigation and administrative matters as well as advising employers on best practices, including compliance with laws such as the California Labor Code, California Wage Orders, and the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

She previously worked as a litigation associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, Los Angeles,

representing clients in a variety of matters, including employment discrimination, consumer protection class actions, trademark disputes, immigration matters, and other issues.

She also was a law clerk at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee in Memphis and a judicial extern for the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Pasadena.

Hoffman holds a B.A. with high honors in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and earned her J.D. from the UCLA School of Law where she was a Michael T. Masin scholar, an editor at the *UCLA Law Review*, and staff member for the *Women's Law Journal*.

Staff to: *Labor and Employment Committee, Workers' Compensation Committee*



SENIOR POLICY ADVOCATE

Robert Moutrie joined the California Chamber of Commerce in March 2019 as a policy advocate and was named a senior policy advocate starting January 1, 2024 in recognition of his efforts on behalf of members. He leads CalChamber advocacy on occupational safety, tourism, insurance, legal reform, immigration and unemployment insurance (UI), as well as representing employer interests on education issues.

As the CalChamber’s expert on occupational safety issues, Moutrie also is an expert on Cal/OSHA’s regulatory process and works closely with Cal/OSHA staff to make California’s regulations more feasible for businesses. He represented employers’ concerns with Cal/OSHA during the drafting of California’s emergency and nonemergency wildfire smoke and COVID-19 regulations, and indoor heat regulation.

With the COVID-19 pandemic and legislation

pushing UI issues into the spotlight, Moutrie has testified and lobbied extensively on topics including employers’ UI tax rates, California’s fund insolvency, and fraud prevention.

Before his work at the CalChamber, Moutrie represented clients on matters such as consumer fraud litigation, civil rights, employment law claims, tort claims, and other business-related issues in federal and state courts.

Moutrie earned a B.A. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. with honors from the UC Hastings College of the Law. He is a volunteer instructor for the nationally ranked UC Hastings Trial.

Staff to: Education Committee, Legal Reform and Protection Committee, Workplace Safety Subcommittee, Tourism Committee, Immigration Committee



SENIOR POLICY ADVOCATE

Preston R. Young joined the California Chamber of Commerce in October 2019 as a policy advocate, specializing in health care policy and taxation issues.

Young came to the CalChamber from the Sacramento law firm of Schuering Zimmerman & Doyle, LLP, where he had been a partner. He specialized in multiple aspects of health care law, medical malpractice, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), product liability, and elder abuse litigation.

He previously was an attorney with Powers & Miller in Sacramento, specializing in insurance defense and product liability litigation. He also worked as an attorney at State Farm Insurance in San Francisco.

Young holds a B.A. in communications from Saint Mary’s College of California, and earned a J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law, where he was associate editor of the *Environmental Law Journal*.

Staff to: Health Care Policy Committee, Taxation Committee



POLICY ADVOCATE

Kristopher Anderson joined the California Chamber of Commerce in August 2024 as a policy advocate specializing in water issues.

Before joining the CalChamber, Anderson worked for six years at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), which represents more than 460 public water agencies throughout California.

As a senior state relations advocate at ACWA, Anderson worked on issues related to water rights, groundwater, water rates, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Endangered Species Act, and more.

Anderson was instrumental in building large coalitions of public agencies, business, and

agricultural interests on water rights and groundwater reform legislation. He also has successfully advocated for reforms to permit streamlining for critical water infrastructure improvements and rate-making processes for public water agencies.

Anderson is admitted to practice law in the state of California. He earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism at the University of Oregon, and a J.D. from the University of California, Davis, School of Law, where he was a senior articles editor for the *Environmental Law and Policy Journal*.

Staff to: Food and Agriculture Committee, Water Resources Committee



POLICY ADVOCATE

Ronak Daylami, an experienced attorney, joined the California Chamber of Commerce in March 2022 as a policy advocate specializing in privacy issues.

She came to the CalChamber policy team from Nielsen Merksamer, where she served as senior counsel in the firm’s government law section specializing in privacy issues, state regulation of business practices, consumer protection, and legislative process.

Before joining Nielsen Merksamer, Daylami worked for nearly 10 years in the Capitol. Most recently, she was the chief consultant of the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee, where she provided expertise on privacy, cybersecurity, consumer protection, and deployment of technology by state government. As chief consultant, she provided counsel to Committee Chairman and AB 375 joint author

Assemblymember Ed Chau during the negotiations and passage of the California Consumer Privacy Act.

Daylami previously served as senior counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where she worked for nearly six years on various high profile, complex, and controversial issues involving constitutional and civil rights, corporate/securities laws, tort liability, and access to the justice system. She worked at the California Department of Technology during the Brown administration and at the Office of the State Chief Information Officer during the Schwarzenegger administration.

Daylami earned a B.A. in political science with a minor in English at the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she was a senior articles editor for the *Constitutional Law Quarterly*.

Staff to: *Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee*



POLICY ADVOCATE

Jon Kendrick joined the California Chamber of Commerce in January 2025 as a policy advocate focused on energy, climate, and transportation policy issues.

Before joining the CalChamber policy team, Kendrick was senior counsel in the Sacramento office of Buchalter where he was a member of the law firm’s Energy & Natural Resources and Real Estate Practice Groups. He regularly advised clients on transactional, regulatory and compliance issues for energy and real estate matters. Kendrick helped clients navigate California’s ever-evolving regulatory environment and represented clients in matters before administrative agencies such as the California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Kendrick previously served as in-house counsel for Pacific Coast Companies, Inc., a building supply company, as well as representing clients in power plant siting proceedings while at the law firm of Locke Lord, and real estate matters while at the Sacramento area law firm Murphy Austin.

Kendrick was also previously a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Robert Molloy of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands and taught English as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine.

Kendrick earned a B.A. in international political economy at the University of Puget Sound, and a J.D. from the University of California, Davis, School of Law.

Staff to: *Environmental Policy Committee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Martin R. Wilson, executive vice president of public affairs, joined the California Chamber of Commerce in October 2011.

Wilson oversees all CalChamber public affairs and campaign 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 is the CalChamber liaison to JobsPAC, an employer-based, independent expenditure committee that supports pro-business candidates.

Wilson has more than 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 affairs campaigns.

In addition to his campaign experience, Wilson

has served in government as a senior staff member at the local, state and federal levels.

Before joining the CalChamber, Wilson was managing partner of Wilson-Miller Communications, where he also advised Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as head of the Governor's political and initiative committee, the California Recovery Team. Before founding his own firm, Wilson was managing director for Public Strategies Inc. in Sacramento for five years and held a similar position with Burson-Marsteller for six years.

Wilson has served as senior fellow for the UCLA School of Public Affairs, board member for the California State Fair and director of the Coro Foundation, a public affairs training organization.

He graduated from San Diego State University with a B.A. in history.

Staff to: *Public Affairs Council, ChamberPAC Advisory Committee, ChamberPAC, CalBusPAC,*

Candidate Recruitment and Development Fund

Also: *JobsPAC Executive Director*



SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Susanne Thorsen Stirling has headed CalChamber international activities for more than four decades.

She is an appointee of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the National Export Council, and serves on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce International Policy Committee, the California International Relations Foundation, and the Chile-California Council.

In previous years, Stirling was an appointee of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the California International Trade and Investment Advisory Council, and served on the Board of Directors of the International Diplomacy Council, the World Affairs Council of Northern California (Sacramento), and the Danish-American Chamber of Commerce.

The CalChamber is a past recipient of the U.S. Presidential Award for Export Service, and received the Presidential Citation from the government of the Republic of Korea. In November 2019, Stirling

was presented with the "Outstanding Woman of the Year in International Trade" award by the Women in International Trade, Los Angeles (WIT-LA).

In March 2021, Senator Bill Dodd named Stirling "Woman of the Year" for Sacramento County, praising her as having been an ambassador for international trade for many years.

Before joining the CalChamber, Stirling held positions in public affairs and public relations for Burmeister & Wain A/S, an international shipbuilding company based in Copenhagen.

Stirling, originally from Denmark, studied at the University of Copenhagen and holds a B.A. in international relations from the University of the Pacific, where she served as a member of the Board of Regents for nine years. She earned an M.A. from the School of International Relations at the University of Southern California.

Staff to: *Council for International Trade*



VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS

Ann Amioka has been a communications specialist at the California Chamber of Commerce since 1980. Since 1982, she has been editor of the CalChamber's legislative newsletter, *Alert*. She oversees editing and production of CalChamber communications and the corporate website.

Before joining the CalChamber staff as editor of the CalChamber's agricultural labor relations newsletter, Amioka was a reporter for a daily newspaper in Yolo County. She has a B.A. in history from Stanford University and an M.A. in history from California State University, Sacramento.



VICE PRESIDENT, CORPORATE RELATIONS

Naseem Moeel joined the California Chamber of Commerce in January 2025 as vice president of corporate relations, dedicated to working with CalChamber members to continue their engagement and opportunities for growth. She joins the CalChamber from Pacaso, a real estate brokerage, where she served as public affairs manager.

Before her three years at Pacaso, Moeel spent a decade as a business leader in California's wine industry, particularly in the Napa and Sonoma valleys. With a strong commitment to local economic growth, she led initiatives to expand wine projects with HALL Family Wines and Casey Flat Ranch, as well as managed business operations, hospitality teams, and events with Treasury Wine Estates.

In these roles, she prioritized building strong community relationships to support economic

recovery and tourism, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, Northern California wildfires, and the 2014 Napa earthquake. She developed collaborative partnerships with organizations like the Napa Valley Hospitality Forum and local chambers of commerce to increase brand engagement and visits to the area.

A passionate advocate for community service, Moeel is engaged with a number of local nonprofits, including serving as an ambassador for the Napa Chamber of Commerce in 2024 and working with Auction Napa Valley, Napa Valley Film Festival, Napa County Voting Centers, St. Helena Catholic Church, and Davis Community Meals and Housing.

She holds a B.A. in communications from the University of California, Davis.

California Foundation for Commerce and Education



PRESIDENT

Luis Quiñonez was named president of the California Foundation for Commerce and Education, effective February 18, 2025.

His knowledge of how regulations and laws at the local, state and federal levels affect individuals and businesses comes from more than 20 years of experience in public policy, public affairs, government relations and research in both the public and private sectors.

Quiñonez has expertise in policy areas ranging from economic development, budget and taxes, housing, transportation, insurance, climate change and renewable energy, to education, health care, international relations, immigration, and veterans affairs.

Most recently, Quiñonez served as chief of staff to California State Senator Anna M. Caballero since 2022. His previous State Capitol

experience includes stints as chief of staff to former Assemblywoman Autumn Burke and former Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, whom he served as chief of staff while she was a Contra Costa County supervisor, before her election to the Assembly. Furthermore, Quiñonez was a senior aide to longtime U.S. Representative Barbara Lee.

In the private sector, Quiñonez was vice president and West Coast director for Res Publica Group, a global public affairs firm. Before that, Quiñonez was manager of North America state and local government relations for eBay. He also led U.S. state government relations for Zenefits, a software-as-a-service platform.

Quiñonez holds a B.A. in political science and M.P.A. in public administration from the University of San Francisco.

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