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APA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE NOVEMBER 2024

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APA California Legislative Update Recordings Available on Demand

If you missed the Annual Legislative Update Session at the APA California conference and are interested in catching up on all that happened in the Legislature this year, session recordings are now available on <u>demand</u>.

California's Legislative Elections and Special Session

While there are some California legislative races too close to call, the California State Legislature will see a very large new freshmen class in 2025 and the democrats will remain in control of both the Senate and Assembly, continuing to hold their 2/3 supermajority in the Legislature. While the 2025 Legislative Session doesn't begin until January 6, they will return on December 2 for a one-day session to organize and swear in new members. In addition, Governor Newsom has called on the Legislature to convene a special session, which will focus on preparing for potential policy shifts from the incoming Trump Administration by creating legal resources to protect civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families.

Seeking Candidates for National Policy and Legislation Representative

The National Policy and Legislation Representative is an appointed position on the APA CA Chapter Board of Directors. This position is currently vacant, and we are looking for interested candidates to fill this position. The duties of the National Policy and Legislation Representative are to oversee the Chapter's participation in, and act as a liaison with, APA's Advocacy programs. The National Policy and Legislation Representative shall report to the Vice President for Policy and Legislation and work with the Chapter's contract lobbyist as appropriate to:

- 1. Share updates on national APA advocacy guidance materials to be posted on the Chapter website.
- 2. Provide updates and share national APA policy documents and other relevant information to ensure consistency with the Chapter's legislative program.
- 3. Attend APA's annual national Policy and Advocacy Conference and report back to the Chapter Board.
- 4. Represent the Chapter in the development process for National Policy Guides; recruit Chapter members to participate in delegate assemblies and voting; report to the Chapter Board on the status and outcomes of policy guide development.
- 5. Assist with guidance to APA California Sections that are undertaking lobbying or advocacy activities to ensure they are consistent national APA policies and positions."

If you are interested in this position, please email <u>policy@apacalifornia.org</u>.