

## **Southern California Association of Governments Director of Government and Public Affairs**

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is conducting an extensive search for a proven Director of Government and Public Affairs. As a member of the Executive Leadership Team, the Director will develop and implement a plan for SCAG's government relations, communications strategy, and community engagement that builds upon outreach efforts and activities to engage local, state, and federal stakeholders in the region. The Director of Government and Public Affairs serves as a critical advisor working proactively and collaboratively to lead the implementation of SCAG's strategic engagement initiative and adopted legislative priorities at the state and federal level. Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, the Director will provide highly responsible and complex strategic and management support to the Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, and Executive Leadership Team as well as oversee a staff of 20 professionals across three departments with functional areas in internal and external communications, legislative affairs, government affairs, local membership needs, and stakeholder engagement.

This position requires a Bachelor's degree and 10 years of increasingly responsible communication, public relations, or political experience, including 5 years of senior legislative and/or policy experience and 5 years in a management or leadership role is required. Career history will include significant professional experience in public policy, advocacy/legislation, public policy research and analysis, and coalition building. Specific experience dealing with transportation and mobility issues is critically important as well as strong legislation at the state and federal levels. Additional professional experience should include one or more elements related to housing, climate action plans, sustainability, and other quality of life issues. A Master's degree is desired.

The annual salary range for this position is \$203,590 to \$264,680 and will be based on qualifications and experience. SCAG offers a competitive benefits program including CalPERS retirement.

Interested candidates should **apply immediately** for optimal consideration by submitting a comprehensive résumé and compelling cover letter via email to: [apply@ralphandersen.com](mailto:apply@ralphandersen.com). Review of applicants will be upon receipt and is expected to be underway by **late July/early August**. This position is open until filled. Confidential inquiries should be directed to Ms. Heather Renschler, Ralph Andersen & Associates at (916) 630-4900 or request an appointment to discuss further by contacting [scheduling@ralphandersen.com](mailto:scheduling@ralphandersen.com). Detailed brochure available at [www.ralphandersen.com/jobs/dir-government-public-affairs-scag/](http://www.ralphandersen.com/jobs/dir-government-public-affairs-scag/).