



Jason Weiner

Associate Director

California EDGE Campaign

Jason joined the EDGE Campaign as Associate Director beginning April 1, 2008. In this role, his primary responsibilities are EDGE's communications and outreach activities. The California EDGE Campaign is a non-partisan coalition of business, labor, community colleges, workforce investment boards, and community-based organizations committed to the belief that California's economic growth rests on the skills of its workers.

Prior to joining EDGE's Sacramento-based office, Jason was the Executive Director of the Westside Economic Collaborative, a regional consortium of business, community, and government leaders serving the six cities (Beverly Hills, Culver City, Malibu, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, and sections of Los Angeles) and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County known as the Los Angeles Westside. In this role, Jason led implementation of WEC's vision of "economic prosperity through collaboration" by coordinating a partnership of regional education and workforce institutions, developing business assistance and attraction activities, and managing and raising funds for the organization. He also played a key role in the founding of the Westside Transportation Partners, a group of 45 regional employers engaged in transportation solutions

Jason has significant experience and interest in regional collaboration and governance, having worked as a Program Associate at the California Center for Regional Leadership, a prominent nonprofit organization that works with the state government and a statewide network of regional collaborative organizations to promote effective governance, regional growth planning, economic prosperity, and regional equity.

As the editor of *The Planning Report* and *The Metro Investment Report*, he wrote, edited, and produced two respected monthly newsletters covering growth, infrastructure, land-use planning, environment, and other issues across California. Jason gained direct experience in government service as a Special Assistant to the Treasurer of San Francisco. He also lived and worked in communities in Israel as part of a 10-month volunteer fellowship there.

Jason has earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and holds a B.A. in Political Science from Stanford University. He recently relocated to Sacramento with his wife and baby daughter.