



## Government Affairs Council

CDA is seeking leaders for the Government Affairs Council who have expertise in health care policy issues. The government affairs council is responsible for reviewing and taking positions on state-level legislation and regulations and speaking on behalf of CDA public policy positions. The council anticipates discussion on issues of dental benefits, opioid policy, pediatric anesthesia and expanded health care access.

### The Council's Current Work:

- Make decisions to sponsor, support or oppose bills and initiatives.
- Provide expert opinions at legislative hearings as needed.
- Represent CDA at meetings with lawmakers and stakeholders.
- In consultation with staff, answer media inquiries and speak on behalf of CDA's positions in alignment with key messages

### Time Requirements:

- Three to four annual council meeting. Attendance in person is required.
- Conference calls as needed.
- Some members:
  - Attend meetings with lawmakers or stakeholders.
  - Attend hearings of the California Legislature.
  - Respond to media inquiries.

### Qualifications and Skills:

- Members in good standing.
- Knowledge of health care public policy issues with emphasis in issues of dental benefits, opioid policy, pediatric anesthesia and expanded access to dental care.
- Leadership experience in organized dentistry, preferably in government affairs/legislation.
- Strategic thinking and decision-making.
- Strong communication and public speaking skills.
- Some members:
  - Participation in other dental organizations/groups/societies.
  - Experience practicing in a corporate or large group setting.
  - Experience in public health, military and federal/state/county dentistry.