



## **2026 CalCPA Legislative Summit & CPA Day**

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Kimpton Sawyer Hotel (500 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814)

### **AGENDA**

8:00-9:00 AM	<b>Check-in and Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00-9:10 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Denise Froemming</b> – CalCPA, President & CEO <b>Jillian Phan, CPA</b> – Chair, CalCPA
9:10-9:40 AM	<b>Sacramento Landscape</b> <b>Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA</b> – State Treasurer <b>Missy Johnson</b> – CalCPA Consultant, Nielsen Merksamer
9:40-10:00 AM	<b>CA Board of Accountancy Activities</b> <b>Dominic Franzella</b> – Executive Officer, California Board of Accountancy <b>Denise Froemming</b> – CalCPA, President & CEO
10:00-10:30 AM	<b>State Budget Insights</b> <b>Sen. Roger Niello, CPA (Inactive)</b> – State Senator representing SD 6 <b>Jason Fox</b> – CalCPA, Vice President of Advocacy and Public Affairs
10:30-11:00 AM	<b>Business Policy Outlook</b> <b>Ben Golombek</b> – Executive VP & Chief of Staff for Policy, CalChamber <b>Rob Gutierrez</b> – President & CEO, California Taxpayers Association <b>Missy Johnson</b> – CalCPA Consultant, Nielsen Merksamer
11:00-11:30 AM	<b>Overview of Talking Points and Meeting Logistics</b> <b>Jason Fox</b> – CalCPA, Vice President of Advocacy and Public Affairs
11:30- 4:00 PM	<b>Boxed Lunch and Legislative Meetings</b>

**Please note that timing and schedule may adjust to accommodate speaker schedules.**

## **Guest Speaker Bios**

### **Missy Johnson – Nielsen Merksamer**

Missy is senior director of government affairs with Nielsen Merksamer who works collaboratively with the firm's partners with an emphasis on issues relating to health care, occupational licensing and consumer protection. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Johnson was the Vice President of Government Affairs for the California Retailers Association. Ms. Johnson has also worked in the California Legislature for ten years in a number of capacities, where she developed relationships with key legislative staff and Members.

### **Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA**

Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was first elected on November 6, 2018, with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state's history and reelected on November 8, 2022. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. The State Treasurer's Office was created in the California Constitution in 1849. It provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents. California is poised to become the world's fourth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker. Presently, her office processes more than \$3 trillion in banking transactions. She provides transparency and oversight for the government's investment portfolio and accounts, as well as for the state's surplus funds. Treasurer Ma oversees an investment portfolio that currently averages over \$200 billion—a significant portion of which is beneficially owned by more than 2,200 local governments in California. She serves as agent of sale for all State bonds and is trustee of billions of dollars of state indebtedness. Treasurer Ma is a member of CalCPA.

### **Sen. Roger Niello, CPA (Inactive), SD 6 – Sacramento & Placer Counties**

Sen. Niello represents CA's 6<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes portions of Placer and Sacramento counties. He began his career as a Certified Public Accountant until he joined his family business, the Niello Auto Group, and spent the next 25 years running retail automobile dealerships with his family partners. He served as corporate Chief Financial Officer and was president and general manager of several of the group's franchises. His career in public service began when he was elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in 1999 and in 2004 was elected to the California State Assembly. Sen. Niello also served as President and CEO of the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce. Sen. Niello is a member of CalCPA.

### **Dominic Franzella – Executive Officer, California Board of Accountancy**

Mr. Franzella was named Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) in August of 2023. In this role he has responsibility for all aspects of the CBA's operations and functions. Mr. Franzella has served the CBA in various capacities for over 18 years during his career. He previously held the positions of Chief of Enforcement, Chief of Licensing, Examination Unit Manager, License Renewal and Continuing Competency Unit Manager, analyst, and office technician. In addition to his experience with the CBA, Mr. Franzella brings years of experience in the private sector and holds a bachelor's degree in history from CSU - Sacramento.

### **Rob Gutierrez – President & CEO, California Taxpayers Association**

Rob is the President and Chief Executive Officer of CalTax, responsible for managing the overall direction of the association. Rob joined CalTax in 2009, and served as Director of State & Local Finance and Director of the California Tax Foundation, the nonprofit research organization founded by CalTax in 1980. Rob is a member of the Franchise Tax Board Advisory Board. He has completed extensive research on tax policy, including property taxes, how taxes and fees are applied under Proposition 26, and state spending priorities. He assisted in publishing the second edition of California's Tax Machine: A History of Taxing and Spending in the Golden State. Rob holds a degree in political science from Westmont College in Santa Barbara.

### **Ben Golombek – Executive VP & Chief of Staff for Policy, CalChamber**

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