



## **ARDIE ZAHEDANI**

PRINCIPAL – RCH GROUP

Ardie Zahedani is very experienced in public policy, governmental affairs and land use advocacy. He brings extensive experience in development management, land acquisition and negotiations in successful, but often controversial, projects. At RCH Group, he provides land use project management and general governmental advocacy for a variety of clients with major mixed-use communities, commercial retail and medical centers. His clients are based throughout the state of California.

Prior to joining RCH Group, Ardie served as a lobbyist and Political Director for the North State Building Industry Association, representing more than development community 1,000 members from throughout the six-county Sacramento region.

Ardie's legislative experience includes serving as the Policy Director and Special Consultant to the California Lieutenant Governor, where he oversaw the office's policy portfolio and worked actively on the California Commission for Economic Development.

In addition, Ardie currently serves as the Chairman of the County of Sacramento's Equal Employment Advisory Committee. Ardie was appointed to the Committee by the County Board of Supervisors in 2004 and was elected as Chairman by the committee in 2008.

Ardie also serves as Vice Chairman of the North State Building Industry Association's Infill Development Council, and as a member of the California Building Industry Association's Affordable Housing Committee.

## **EDUCATION**

BA, Political Science, University of California at Davis